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High Court to rule on whether woman in near-vegetative state can be left to starve

# Is a flicker of life enough?

Clare Dyer

first time to allow the with-drawal of artificial feeding from a patient who is not in a permanent vegetative state.

It also emerged yesterday that two police forces recently investigated cases in which

In one case, according to a spokeswoman for the British Medical Association, the patient was "definitely not in a to interact with others, spokeswoman for the British though their eyes are open and they have reflex reactions to sound and light. They

HEALTH authority is poised to ask the High Court for the first time to allow the withof artifical feeding patient who is not in a lent vegetative state. So emerged yesterday to police forces recently gated cases in which is were suspected of awing feeding from pawithdrawing feeding from pa-tients without court sanction. their environment or ability

tions to sound and light. They can breathe unaided but have no swallowing reflex, so have to be fed through a tube. James Munby, the Qobriefed by the Official Solici

to to represent the patient in the pending case, said yester-day he believed the court would sanction the move. The case is likely to spark a furious ethical debate. The High Court has allowed health authorities and NHS trusts to stop feeding 10 PVS

conference on PVS, jointly organised by the BMA, the Official Solicitor's office and the Centre for Medical Law

By Division, who will proba-bly take the decision on whether the near-PVS patient should be allowed to die. The BMA's ethics commit tee has drawn up guidelines on PVS patients but has not yet taken a stance on with-

The revelations came at a conference on PVS, jointly organised by the BMA, the official Solicitor's office and the Centre for Medical Law and Ethics, King's College.

The revelations came at a patients. "When we looked at vegetative patients, we thought that was a discrete condition and it wouldn't have applications for other cases," a spokeswoman said.

they are 'tracking' but unaware.'

was Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High Court's Fam-

whether they are able to com-municate. It's pointless being too pedantic about being in or out of the vegetative state," said Dr Andrews, medical di-rector of the Royal Hospital Dr Keith Andrews, who has documented 17 cases in which for Neurodisability, Putney, south-west London.

Bryan Jennett, emeritus professor of neurosurgery at Glasgow University and an expert on PVS, said: "We ought to consider the patients' best interests and whether herring some slight patients were wrongly diag-nosed as vegetative, said there was no logical differ-ence between PVS patients and those with minimum 'It would be important to identify whether the patient whether having some slight degree of awareness might is able to indicate some worse than if they were

In the case of Hillsborough disaster victim Tony Bland the Lords laid down that feeding should not be stopped without court approval.

Mr Munby said the effect of

the judgment was that it was unlawful for doctors to prolong the life of PVS patients. Given that there were an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 patients in PVS, he wondered why only 10 cases had come to

"Is it that large numbers of doctors are doing what the House of Lords told them not to do - discontinuing treatment without coming to court | a case in the Bristol area.

or is it that large numbers of doctors are doing what, on one view of the law, the House of Lords has told us is

The BMA was notified of two suspected withdrwal or feeding cases last spring. In Lancashire, police considered bringing a murder charge against the GP of an 85-year-old woman stroke victim who was a patient un a nursing home but the Crown tion Service decided the evidence did not warrant charges. A similar decision is

## School pays £30,000 to victim of bullying

4.00

FORMER schoolboy accepted £30,000 compensation yesterday in what lawyers court case brou

bullying.
Sehastian Sharp, now 20,
was due to take his case to the
High Court on Monday, but
insurers for Shene School in Sheen, south-west London, offered the money in an out-of-court settlement yesterday.

The case, which could lead to a flood of claims against schools and education authorities, would have been the first bullying case to reach the High Court, and could have established new guidelines on schools' duties to protect pupils. The only case to have reached a court judgment, brought by cere-bral palsy sufferer Rebecca Walker against Bolsover School in Derbushire was School in Derbyshire, was thrown out at Nottingham county court in 1994.

Mr Sharp, who was the vic-tim of a four-year campaign waged by other school-children and who ran away for four days at one point to for four days at one point to escape his torment, could not be reached last night. His mother, Janice, said: "It's very good news. At least it's opened up a pathway for other people to make somebody answerable for what is happening in schools today. We didn't know whether he was alive or dead during the four days he was missing."

four days he was missing.

She said a child psychiatrist who specialises in bullying would have given evidence that between eight and dence that between eight as 10 children a year commit suicide as a result of bullying. Mr Sharp's solicitor, Jack Rabinowitz, said it was a pity the case would not go to court because it would have clari-

duties to prevent bullying. A specialist in education law, he said he had another halfdozen cases on his books.

Mr Sharp, who lives with
his parents in Richmond,

£200,000 damages. He was at the centre of a nationwide search when he ran away from home five years ago, and alleged in his writ that con-stant bullying had left him psychologically traumatised and affected his education

and affected his education and career prospects.

The writ claimed he was regularly kicked, punched, picked on and insuited from the age of 11, when he started at the school, until he ran away at 15. He alleged that other pupils tore up his work, bit him across the head with hit him across the head with rulers, threw things at him

rulers, threw things at him and tripped him up, and that at the end of his fifth year he was tied up by classmates about twice a week.

The writ said that bullying seriously affected his personality, making him anxious, depressed and suicidal. Mr Rabinowitz said: "We say the school knew about it right from the start. There was one meeting where the kids were assembled and told they shouldn't do it, but it went on unabated, which gave Sebasunabated, which gave Sebas-tian final despair." He ran away from home,

leaving his parents a note saying he had been picked on and could not take any more. He later continued his education at a sixth-form college, achieving three GCSEs.

The writ claimed the school was negligent in failing to take reasonable care for Mr Sharp's health and safety or protect him from bullying.
Mr Sharp, who has a clerical job with a brokerage firm,
was granted legal aid to bring



Rwandan refugees head home yesterday after an attack broke militias' hold on Mugunga camp PHOTOGRAPH: THOMAS COE

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the bizarre revelation that a £2.1 million National Lot-tery jackpot ticket is lying

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## Refugees flood back to Rwanda

Chris McGreal in Goma

sands of Rwandan refu-gees abandoned their camps and streamed home yesterday after Zairean rebels the insidious control of Hutu extremist militias — and the in eastern Zaire.

camp — where the notorious interahamuse militia herded huge numbers of refugees to escape Zairean rebels backed by Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated government — succeeded us from leaving the camp here the United Nations has failed for two years, and threw into question the need for the multinational inter-

The UN estimated that the vast majority of the 700,000 Rwandans camped around Goma since 1994 are on the move, after the attack sent the interchamuse fleeing and persuaded most refugees that they were better off returning

In scenes reminiscent of the

two years ago, hordes of people choked miles of road as they headed towards Goma and the Rwandan border. By dusk tens of thousands had crossed the frontier at a rate mass settled down for the night by the roadside in Zaire

in torrential rain storms.

Desire Muhirua, aged 31, a father of three who had also taken an orphan under his wing, said the internhamure was all that had stopped them

from going home before "The shelling killed a lot of people. The day before yester-day the interahamue stopped Anyone who wanted to so wa killed instantly. But this morning they were gone and so we left," he said.

All through the day they tramped on, exhausted by fear and almost totally silent except for the occasional wail from a small child gripping its mother's skirt to try to keep up. Some hobbled on crutches. Others collapsed and crawled. Women carried babies and small children Turn to page 2, column 7

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## Hundreds of prisoners to be freed

Widdecombe said.

the High Court judgment.

The ruling by Lord Bingham, Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Biofeld follows the

"great escape" over the sum-

mer when prisons had to release early 541 inmates

serving consecutive sen-tences. A High Court victory for Mr Howard halting those

releases paved the way for yesterday's decision.

Lord Bingham said that the whole mechanism for work-

ing out sentences was a mess

"The principle that a prison-er's release date should be be-

yond dispute, and that the provisions governing it

should be easy to apply, is of

In fact the rules were "not

clear to the courts, or the legal profession, or prisoners, or — it would seem — the prison authorities," he said.

The ruling held that the

system for calculating remand time to be deducted from multiple sentences was flawed it only deducted time

spent on remand for the most

total time awaiting trial.

great importance.

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE first of more than 800 prisoners, mostly burglars and thieves, were released early last night after a devastating High Court judgment against the Home Secretary, Michael

Howard.
Three judges, including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, ruled that the way the prison service had calculated release dates of inmates serving concurrent sentences had been unlawfully applied for 30 years. The Home Secrefor 30 years. The Home Secre-tary was refused leave to ap-peal to the House of Lords.

The Prison Service was last night trying to complete a check on the sentencing re-cords of all 58,000 inmates to establish exactly how many will qualify for release.
"Early indications are that

some 800 serving prisoners are likely to be affected." the Prisons Minister, Ann Widdecombe, said. "About 50 will be eligible for imminent release when sentence calculations have been completed." They are expected to be freed early

Thousands more prisoners who have already ended their sentences are also likely to be entitled to compensation worth a total of up to £18 million. The size of the final bill, at about 560 a day per person, will be capped by a six-year statute of limitations which means only those released after 1990 can claim. Proba-tion officers estimate that on average these immates spent five weeks too long in jail. A decision on whether com-

sation will be paid is to be made later. "We were detain-ing them in accordance with the law laid down at the time.



#### to say that there's a blanket case for compensation," Miss Happy Labour's prisons spokesman, George Howarth, said the judgment added to Mr return Howard's serial bungler repu-tation. "This week has seen the Home Secretary lose three times in the courts — twice in bridges one morning — a unique achievement even for this achievement even for this Secretary of State," he said. The inmates involved in the test cases are Michelle Carol Evans, who was serving two years for burglary, robbery and assault, and Paul Reid, jailed for two years and three months for burglary and handling stolen goods. Both were released within hours of the Hish Court judgment. history

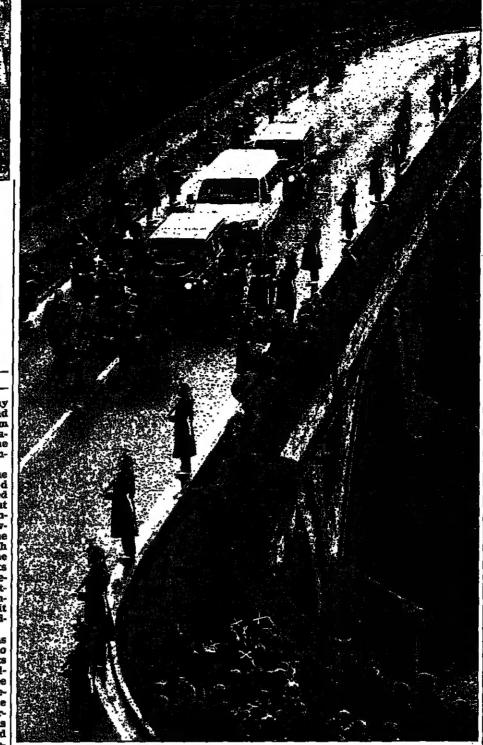
**Eriend Clouston** 

THE Blue Box of Destiny was back in Scotland last night, safe from Plantagenet ghosts and nationalist cat burglars in the secure room of a government laboratory.

The box, lashed to the

floorpan of a varnished army Land Rover, slipped back over the Tweed at 11.05am. The historic frontier ceremony was a moving advertisement for the stoicism of the Scottish race. Not only were the 2,000 assembled patriots forced to settle for the metallic box rather than what-ever geological juju it con-tained, but they had to wait an hour longer than scheduled for the privilege.

Scotland in general has been uncertain how to react to the return of its former coronation furniture. Pressed, most agree that it's nice to get something back from the English, but they are nervous of being portrayed as savages who can be bribed with a lump of quasi-scrip-



Coming home . . . The stone crosses Coldstream's 230-year-old bridge PHOTOGRAPH MURDO MACLECO

## 'Wise men' give Kohl bad tidings on economy

lan Traynor in Bonn

HANCELLOR Helmut Kohl's European predicament worsened yesterday when his prestigious team of eco-nomic advisers declared that Germany would fail to meet the key budget and debt criteria for the single European currency next year.

In a gloomy annual report on this year's economic performance and the prospects for next year, the govern-ment-commissioned council as the "five wise men". warned of soaring unemploynent, flagging investment,

and fiscal policy locked in a "vicious circle". Most European Union countries could fail the single currency test next year, the council warned. It argued against flidging the criteria, which could trigger a credibility crisis in the entire pro-ject. "Delay in this case is the required option. If it is apparent that the criteria cannot be credibly fulfilled in 1997, govnents should announce a

rostponement in good time to create clarity and to svok surprises on the financial markets," the council said.

Despite Germany's projected economic growth next

year of 2.5 per cent, up one point on this year, the council said next year's budget deficit would be 3.3 per cent of gross domestic product — 10 per cent higher than the celling tion for the single currency in 1999. The scale of the deficit would also push the state debt-to-GDP ratio beyond the 60 per cent ceiling which is another single currency test Stressing the predictions of 2.5 per cent growth, Mr Kohi shrugged off doubts about

Germany's fitness for economic and monetary union.

The 1997 budget goes for its final reading in parliament later this month after clearing the parliamentary budge committee yesterday. The finance minister, Theo Waigel, has pledged that the federal deficit will not be allowed to exceed DM56.5 billion (£24.5 billion) next year, guar-amteeing an overall deficit of

#### Rwandan exodus after attack

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who have only ever known life in the camps. One man carried nothing but a bible. Another had a full-grown man strapped to his back like

a baby.
The exodus signalled the final collapse of Hutu extremist control over the bulk of the refugees who have provided a political base, hiding place and shield for the militiamen who led the genocide community, as I will not be there reason to come they need to fin the refugees who have provided a political base, hiding place and shield for the militiamen who led the genocide

of Rwanda's Tutsis in 1994. It also cast new doubt over the role of the Canadian-led multinational force authorised by a UN resolution last night. The rebel leader, Laurent Kabila, said the mass return has made the force redundant. I don't think the internations community, as Mugunga camp will not be there, will have any reason to come here. Who do they need to free? he asked. The Rwandan and Kenyan gov-

The weather in Europe

1024 2 LOW HIGH FOG Belgrade Key Sunny interval Cold front - Warm front Sleet A Thunder Occluded front Snow LOW ---- Trough

Most of Norway and northern Sweden will be dull with rain in the south and snow in the north. Denmark, the extreme south of Sweden and Finland should be malnly dry but rain is likely tonight tollowed by colder weather remorrow. Max

Petchy rain over northern Germany and the Low countries should die out with plenty of tine if rather cloudy weather this afternoon. Further south across Austria, Switzerland and southern Germany it will be cold with spells of rain and

Spain and Portugue: Central and eastern Spain will be cold and unset-tied with a lot of cloud and showers; the showers falling as show above 800 metres. Western Spain and Portugal should be mainly fine with some sun-shine. Max temp ranging 18C on the south coest to just 8C in the north-sast of Spain.

A trough of low pressure will bring showers to many places today, especially in the north with some welcome snow over the Alps and Dolomites, but most areas will see some sunshine between the showers. Max temp 12-22C from north to south.

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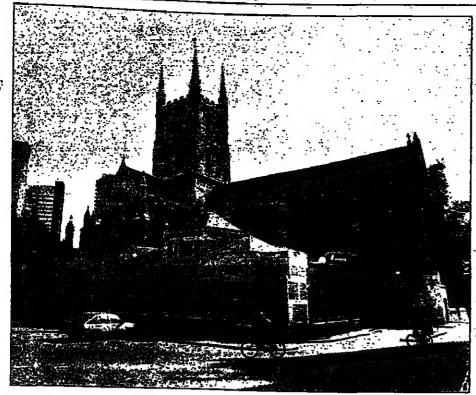
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The spectre of schism hangs over a bitterly divided Church of England as the Lesbian

and Gay Christian Movement celebrates its 20th anniversary today. While its members meet in Southwark Cathedral to pray for acceptance, conservatives

link them to promiscuity, depravity and paedophilia. Madeleine Bunting reports



## Marching as to war over sin and sexuality — because we are standing by most part with unstinting its truths — unless they dedication. "Don't tell, won't lobby is no longer satisfied bans practising homosexual there is a real chance of the tense and confidence and confidence are the confidence of the confi

anniversary has brought to a head the most divisive issue in the Church of England since the ordina-

In Southwark Cathedral, 2,000 members and supporters of the movement will gather to pray for recognition and acceptance in the Church, sexuals from being ordained and outlaws same-sex relationship blessings.

At the same time, evangelicals in about 50 Anglican churches all over the country will be praying to the same God that gays and lesbians repent of their "evil acts" and that He forgive the Arckrepent of their "evil acts" and where else and it favours sex than anythat He forgive the Arckbishop of Canterbury, Dr
George Carey, for the Church's failure to "banish and drive away all erroneous cuity and depravity of a kind leave the Church of England

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The Southwark event has concentrated the campaigning efforts of both the LGCM and Reform, the conservative evangelical group. It has split the Southwark diocese into bitterly opposing camps, impressing on other dioceses watching from the sidelines how the issue of homosexual-ity really does raise the

The LGCM, under the assiduous guidance for the last 20 years of Richard Kirker, its general secretary and founder, is nothing if not as-tute at strategy. Today's event was always going to be con-troversial; it was intended to be. This evening's service at Southwark is a coup de grace. The use of a cathedral has incensed evangelical opponents. The symbolism of a cathedral as the spiritual centre of the diocese implies official ap-proval for active bomosexuality, however much Dr Carey insisted last week that it does

not.
Southwark has mobilised Reform into a frenzy of activity, and the last few months has been punctuated by a series of threats. The group has called for evangelicals to challenge bishops to declare their position and boycott those who refuse to endorse their opposition to homosexpality parishes in Southwark uality: parishes in Southwark have declared they will cap their quotas to the diocese in their quotas to the diocese in protest: Reform accuses Dr Carey of breaking canon law and has urged him to ban the service. The group's most recent move was to write on Thursday to the Attorney General asking him to look into the LGCM's link last year on the Internet to the "blasphemous" poem, The Love that Dares Not Speak its

Slurs by members of Hope, the then Bishop of Reform have become increas- London, under pressure ingly vicious. They have likened gays to Nazis or advocates of apartheid; they have referred in press releases to the case of the Roman Catholic wiest sentenced this mean the case of the Roman Catho-lic priest sentenced this week to six years for abusing boys

ODAY'S celebration | and amassing the biggest col- | well known in Sodom and Golection of Internet pornogra-phy, with the clear implica-tion that gays are paedo-

Reform's most recent press release quoted from a sex guide LGCM possessed 10 years ago in which "befue are recommended as a place to

philes. They have repeatedly targeted a book, The A to Z of Gay Sex, which they maintain will be for sale at the book fair that is being run during today's seminars and which, they claim, gives advice on cottaging and gay sex, and says: "Who said that human beings are supposed to be monogamous, anyway? Why, some boring old fart in the Bible, that's who!"

Reform's most recent press.

man of Reform, yesterday.
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'One of the critical things we've got to achieve is more honesty and

openness. It will take longer and ionger the more we go on simply screaming at each

LESHIAN AND GAY

1987: General Synod voted : overwhelmingly in favour of a motion which said that 'homosexual acts fall short of (the Biblical and traditional) ideal, and are to be met by a call to repentance

and the exercise of 1991: The House of Bishops statement, Issues in Human Sexuality, advocated that relationships among the laity while maintaining the ban on ordaining practising

homosexuals and ruling out blessing same-sex 1994: Outragel disrupted the enthronement of the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev Michael Turnbull, after it was revealed that he had earlier of an act of gross

March 1995: Rt Rev David publicly that his sexuality was a "grey area" but added

A decade of unholy rows November 1995: a new General Synod is elected with gay rights activists topping the clergy sections of Lon-don and Southwark dio-ceses. Synod had first

February 1996: Archbishop Desmond Tutu becomes the most high profile Anglican bishop openly to support gay rights in the Church.

openly gay cleric member.

May 1996: Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Can-terbury, admitted he ordained homosexuals. The Rt Rev Jim Thompson, Bishop of Bath and Wells and Rt Rev Hugh Mont flore, admit the same.

October 1996: The only openly gay Anglican bishop in England, the Rt Rev Derek Rawcliffe, was sacked from his honorary position as assistant bishop in Ripon, North Yorkshire,

May 1996: heresy charges brought by nine bishops against Walter Righter, retired Bishop of Iowa, for having knowingly ordained a practising homosexual, are thrown out of court.

nation of homosexuality as an "abomination" is putting it tence and confidence infuri-ate Reform. LGCM supporters go ahead, but threatened to take serious decisions at its side. They draw parallels with the long struggle for women's ordination and take national council meeting next month. 'This extraordicourage from the steady pro-gress they have made in nary event at Southwark has brought things to a head and leads us to believe that evenlieve is ultimately a question of justice and honesty.

The one thing Reform and the LGCM have in common is practising homosexuals for ordination," said the Reverend Phillip Hacking, chair-

their capacity to stir up a fuss out of all proportion to their small memberships. Reform has 500 clergy and 800 lay members, while the LGGM of dissociating ourselves has 500 clergy and 800 lay more and more with the members, while the LGGM church. It will be like a has 1,200 members, of whom

> gering 96 per cent believed same-sex relationships were always wrong. With evangeli now represent 40 per cent of members — this should give the LGCM pause for thought. Despite attempts by evan-gelical theologians and the development of a much more open-minded "post-evangeliopen-minded "post-evangeli-calism" to accommodate ho-mosexuality, evangelicals remain adamantly opposed. For them, the issue strikes at the heart of the question of the authority of the Bible. Since every word comes di-rectly from God, attempts to explain away the condemna-tion of St Paul or Leviticus are pure sophistry.

are pure sophistry.
This is the bishops' worst nightmare — evangelicals and liberals flinging Bible verses at each other, and fighting for the allegiance of the vast bulk of church-going Anglicans who have little interest in, and less knowledge of, homosexuality. The debate of, homosexuality. The debate over gay rights is one that the bishops just don't want.

As the Rt Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, who has been excoriated by Reform for agreeing to preach at the service this evening, said last week: "This is where the lobby groups from either point of view don't help us. In freezing the atmosobere, they

freezing the atmosphere, they prevent an honest and open discussion of what is happen-ing. One of the critical things we've got to achieve is more honesty and openness in the discussion. It will take longer and longer the more we go on simply screaming at each." What has collapsed in the 1990s is the comfortable double standards by which everyone knew there were gay clergy, and no bishop would dream of doing any-thing about it. The system rubbed along in a very English fashion with a mix-ture of turning a blind eye and a lot of discretion. Under this system, a disproportion-ate number of gays were at-tracted to the cloth and have

served the Church for the

ssk" became the unwritten rule in theological colleges. "Gays have been ordained for hundreds of years," points out the Rt Rev Walter Righ-

ter, the retired bishop of Iowa, Anglican champion of lows, Anglican champion of gay rights—after his trial for heresy on grounds of having ordained a practising homosexual collapsed—and the star attraction of the LGCM's seminars today.

But the delicate modus vivendi has been destroyed by the pressure groups. An in-

growing minority of gay clergy who are happy to tell, happy to be asked; openly liv-ing in same-sex relationships in their parishes. The LGCM

sex blessings, but they can-not enforce it without a witchhunt. They end up pronouncing platitudes about the need to combat homophobia which without the whole-

there is a real chance that a Synod will finally achieve what the bishops have been ity on to the agenda. Beyond that lies the worldwide Angli-Conference of 1998 where American, Canadian, New trailing behind them.



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Twenty-five years after Magnus Magnusson started, the BBC has ordered him to finish. The question we're all asking now is: How did it survive so long? Simon Hattenstone on the demise of Mastermind

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Lib Dems

## irony strikes as Blair meets **French** leaders

Michael White reports from Paris

ONY Blair yesterday warned President Chirac of France that an incoming Labour government might not be able to join the first wave of a European single currency even if it wants to — because of the level of public debt it may in-

herit next year. Mr Blair repeatedly con-trasted his enthusiasm for "a fresh start to our relations with Europe" with the diffi-culties facing a single cur-rency. "The option to join is not closed off, but I do not hide it. There are difficul-ties," he told Mr Chirac at the

Elysée Palace. He expanded his theme dur-ing a lunch with business-"We have made it clear that in principle we can see advantages in favour of a single currency—stability in exchange rates and lower in-terest rates—and we have also made it clear that, unlike the Conservatives, there is no insuperable constitutional or political objection to it."

the European Union's direc-tive on the 48 hour week which — President Chirac is said to have told Mr Blair — But he hammered away at the formula agreed with key shadow cabinet colleagues that Britain's decision would be based on national economic interests at the time if he wins power next spring, and that there will have to be "genuine and sustainable convergence



Tony Blair during his meeting with the French president, Jacques Chirac, at the Elysée Palace in Paris yesterday

in the way [Europe's] economies perform" if the project is not to end in disaster. shadow foreign secretary. Robin Cook, met France's em-Behind the rhetoric lies Mr Blair's conviction that the Cabinet has made a strategic battled conservative prime minister Alain Juppe, and later President Chirac. The error in deciding last week to fight what Labour believes

French government was yes-terday facing a series of half-

The irony of yesterday's ex-changes was not lost on either protest at its attempts to side as Mr Blair and the squeeze public expenditure in a political culture still to the eft of New Labour. Their aim is to meet the

Maastricht Treaty's financial criteria for joining the pro-posed single currency when it

gues that EU social policy em-bodied in the Social Chapter is rendering Europe uncom-petitive and Mr Blair goes some way further in that direction than Mr Juppé is yet able to.

With most EU states struggling to balance the books to

meet the Maastricht targets, Mr Blair and Mr Cook warned their hosts that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke's,

budget deficit — down from 8

per cent of gross domestic product to nearer 4 per cen

is unlikely to fall below the

The party strenuously de-nied that this could in any way be seen as an offer of cash for contracts, but added: "If there is any residual doubt or suspicion, we are happy to submit the letter to Lord Nolan and to abide by his judement."

A spokesman for the Noian committee said it did not investigate specific allegations but it could look at this in a general way as part of its present inquiry into local

Ewen MacAekill, Chief Political Correspondent

LLEGATIONS of sleage over a Liberal

Democrat £195 lunch

invitation to busi-

nessmen may be referred to the Nolan committee on stan-dards in public life.

The row centres on a letter

sent out by the Liberal Demo-crats in July offering busi-nessmen the chance to meet

He added that it was not clear if these allegations fell under the heading of local government or party funding, and there were no plans to investigate the latter this side of a general election. The Prime Minister led

Tory calls for an investiga-tion, and suggested Lord

Paddy Ashdown, the Lib-eral Democrat leader, said the hunch invitation was "a per-fectly normal thing to do. On required 3 per cent target be-fore the general election.

allegations

The disputed letter, written by Michael Butlin, business co-ordination manager for the Liberal Democrats, was sent out to thousands of firms. It said the hunch, at the Metropole Hotel, would provide "a buffet-style environment in which 100-plus leaders of councils can meet with the business community. These councillors all control a coun-cli, solely or with the assis tance of another party.
"The cost of attending the local councillors over lunch at the party conference in Brighton in September.

lunch is £195 for each The letter stressed the amount of cash councils spend each year, and added: This working lunch will pro-

vide an excellent cost-effective method to open initial discussions on any subject whatever the size of the organisation."

A Liberal Democrat spokes-man yesterday denied it bad

been a £195 lunch. That figure had been to cover the cost of registering for the whole conference, and included such things as use of phones, faxes and computers.

He said it was preposterous

to believe that you could fix up contracts over lunch. Con-tracts were awarded to the lowest bidder. It had all been

completely open.

John Major said: "Liberal Democrats have said repeatedly when these matters have arisen that they should be in dependently examined.
"I hope on this occasion they will do that."

#### Media rounds | Scott goes on up the usual suspects in backstabbing

Ewen Macaskill, Chief Political Correspondent

ABOUR is threatening disciplinary action against an MP who wrote a caustic anonymous article about Tony Blair - if he can be dentified

A search for the MP was under way yesterday by both the party and political jour-nalists. A Labour source said that if caught the MP would

face loss of the whip.
Different suspects emerged during the day pursued by journalists, only to be dropped after pleading inno-cent. The usual dissidents were cornered, such as Brian Sedgemore (Flackney South & Shoreditch), who made per-sonal comments about Mr Blair in a book last year, but said he would have signed the

article if he had written it. There was speculation that the author was the former shadow defence secretary Denzil Davies, but he also said he would have signed any piece he had written. Andrew MacKinlay (Thurrock), a more recent maver-

ick, said when contacted:
"Not me, guv. My finger-prints are not on it." The anonymous MP suggested in Tribune that soon after the election Mr Blair

would be replaced by the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, in a coup by a coalition of dissident MPs. Tribune's editor, Mark Seddon, protected the confidenti-ality of the author yesterday.

but denied a newspaper's sug-gestion that Tribune had said it was a former member of the government, which would have narrowed the search.
Labour said that whoever wrote the article was woefully out of date. The present rule made it nearly impossible to change a leader.

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspon

on December 2.
In an interview published in the Guardian today, 63-year-old Sir Nicholas also complains of the "grossly unfair" treatment he received at the hands of the press at last month's Conservative Party conference, when he was found lying face-down in the

glasses of wine.

The embarrassing incident triggered an emergency meeting of his local party earlier this month, at which senior party officials refused to back him as their candidate.

Sir Nicholas also admits in the interview that he has no

Joanna Coles interview The Week, page 15

the wagon as he fights to save political career

will be a no-win battle over

will not be resolved Britain's way in the months ahead. If Labour can focus the election

campaign on "Europe, in or out" Mr Blair believes he can win on this issue.

THE embattled Tory MP

and former minister, Sir Nicholas Scott, has decided to become "absolutely teetotal", as he faces the threat of deselection by his local party in two weeks' time.

His decision to give up alcohol completely is an attempt to lay the ghost of a series of drink related problems, in a last-ditch effort to persuade members of his Kensington and Chelsea constituency association to retain him as their MP at a crunch meeting

gutter after drinking two glasses of wine.

the interview that he has no idea what he will do if he is deselected at the meeting of the wider party membership next month. It is being held at Kensington town hall — in itself bad news for Sir Nicholas as it is in a part of his constituency which is home to many of his fiercest opponents.

The former minister for the disabled and for Northern Ireland the basel of the b

land, insists that his fall last month was caused by the reaction of strong painkillers with the wine he drank at an Irish Embassy reception.

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André Malraux (right) as photographed in 1935 by Gisèle Freund and (above), minus the Gitane, on a postage stamp which forms part of the campaign

Every Gallic government needs an intellectual on its side and the country's first culture minister, André Malraux, whose remains are to be reburied next weekend, is President Chirac's choice. **Alex Duval Smith** in Paris reports on how the life of a heroin-addicted, philandering bisexual is being exhumed and edited beyond credulity

## French cultural icon gets makeover

S Europe prepares to see out the millen-nium, the fin de siècle Prench youth is a dead minister, pictured in monoon street corners and 3 franc postage stamps.

The ashes of Andre Malraux, who died in 1976, will be placed in the Panthéon memorial in Paris next Saturday. The entire french government will be there, with writers includ-ing Mario Vargas Llosa, Saul Bellow, Vaclav Havel

and V. S. Naipaul.

The author of La Condition Humaine and founder of the French culture minstry has been reinvented in a publicity campaign to rival most pop promotions. Parisian commuters on Métro platforms can watch Malraux's life story on tele-

Squares, streets and schools are to be named after him. Even Sarajevo now has an André Malraux was Malraux who, in 1958, convinced General de Gaulle that wars would in future be won through the arts, and that "every child in France has as much right to paintings, theatre and cinema as to the alphabet".

De Gaulle called Malraux his ami génial (genius)

unable to find a picture in which Malraux was not smoking. So it copied a 1935 Gisèle Freund photograph and removed the Gitane. One poster, though, does show him with a cigarette. In the build-up to the Gaullist ceremony at the Panthéon— the 18th-cenrespecting French govern-

philandering bisexual who was culture minister from

1959 to 1969 has not been

easy to reinvent.

The post office, eager to comply with — often flouted — laws against tobacco promotion, was

De Gaulle called Malraux Gaullist ceremony at the his ami genial (genius friend). Since every self-tury former church where

"staunch anti-socialist"

week that Malraux would have been "filled with solidarity for the Bosnian

tragedy".

According to scholars, the real Malraux was true to his own ideas, and said so: "My ideas are not to be thought but to be lived." He was terrified of being like "all these writers who

Malraux said he was terrified of being like 'all these writers who share the fault that they have not killed anyone'

ment needs an intellectual on its side, the present story has been edited be story has been edited be story has been edited be have not killed anyone".

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But the heroin-addicted.

But the heroin-addicted. "open letters to Malraux" published in the press, one by the rightwing novelist

his father and grandfather, the death of a lover and two of his own children. Some of his best writing was in Jean-Edern Hallier described Malraux as a funeral eulogies and in his who today would be "anti-Maastricht and pro-Serb". The culture minister, Phi-lippe Douste-Blazy, told a biography of T. E. Law-rence, Le Démon de L'Absolu (The Demon of the

Rap singers

After spending his youth in French Indochina, pil-laging the temples of Ang-kor, be headed a republican air squadron in Spain even before the communists formed the International

Brigades in August 1936. But he fell out with the Priends of the USSR, and did not fight with the com-munist Resistance. He wait-ed until 1944 did he join De

and journalist Jean d'Ormesson, Malraux became one of De Gaulle's most loyal advisers: "He was besically anti-fascist and managed always to fight with the force which was most effective against the fascist threat."

To Mr D'Ormesson, he is time. "Malraux is about fraternity, involvement, justice and culture. In these times of intolerance, he has just the vision young French people need."

David Hearst In Moscow



## Telephone tappers need powerful connections

**Julian Borger** reports from Bucharest on how the secret police are fighting for their future alongside the ex-communists as Romania holds its second, decisive round of presidential elections tomorrow

customed to clicks and whirs found someone with radical on their telephone lines, as-suming them to be the noisy allmark of the Romanian In-

telligence Service (SRI).

But nothing could be further from the truth, insists
Captain Constantin Bucur. When we're listening to your phone line, there is no way you can tell," he maintains

But, he says, the SRI is never far away. In fact, Capt Bucur — an intelligence offi-cer turned whistle-blower claims Romania's secret police are just as busy as they were in the communist era, when they were called the Securitate.

To prove it, he has produced hours of tapes of recorded conversations between opposition politicians and their colleagues, friends and family. Capt Bucur's de-partment listened mostly to the nationalist Greater Romanis Party (PRM). The patri-otic captain was so impressed by what he overheard that he defected to the PRM in May,

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taking his tapes with him.

The SRI dismissed Capt Bucur, and has threatened to court-martial him for taking and publishing the recordings. The SRI's director, Virgil Magureanu, insists no surveillance is carried out

feelings to make a noise for them". A recent parliamentary en-

quiry found that the SRI conducted 900 authorised phone taps in 1995, 80 per cent of them on foreigners. Mr. Nas-tase inelsts the SRI is under strict parliamentary scrutiny, but Capt Bucur claims most of the surveillance he carried but, including taps on opposi-tion newspapers, was not for-mally authorised but ordered directly by Mr Magureanu.
"I became convinced that this man was not working for state security, that he was working for personal and po-

litical interests," Capt Bucur He joined the secret police in 1980 when it was the cen-tral prop underpinning the dictatorial regime of Nicolae

But although Ceausescu has been dead for almost seven years, the spirit and methods of the Securitate seem to live on, locked in a paranoid embrace with Romania's former communists in the Party for Social

Democracy (PDSR).

Now, however, the PDSR has finally faltered, losing parliamentary elections last

jailed for lyrics tomorrow against a pro-reform challenger. If he loses that, the old guard will have

APPRICISION to jail two of Prance's best known rap-Such a prospect poses a serious threat to the SRI, which — unlike communist pers and ben them from sing-ing for six months because of spy networks elsewhere in eastern Europe — has yet to undergo reform or scrutiny. Two thirds of its staff are — like Capt Bucur — former Secretary of the file their anti-police lyrics has shocked human rights organisations and lawyers, but pleased the National Front and most police unions. curitate officers, and its files on the communist era have Bruno Lopes, better known a Kool Shen, and Didier Mor-

ville (Joey Starr), are to ap-peal against the six-month jail term, with three months Romanians still do not know whether the bloody events of December 1989 were a real revolution or a charade manipulated by a group of communist plotters. reprieve, passed by a judge at Toulon, a National Front stronghold. The sentence for More than a thousand civillic authority" was the maxi-mum possible. The two were also fined £6,000 each.

prefect (governor) Jean-Charles Marchiani, who said the group's name insulted

the group's name insulted women while their lyrics

threatened republican order.

fended the group's name, say-ing it was a common expres-sion among young people.

The offending rap, whose refrain promises to "piss on

the brainless police ma-chine", was published by Le Monde yesterday apparently in solidarity with the group and its defenders, who in-clude the League of Human Rights and lawyers' unions.

ans were shot by snipers during street protests, but none of the snipers were ever pros-ecuted. About a hundred suspected sharpshooters were seized, but were all released two days later without charge, and have since disappeared. No details of their identity were ever released

remained resolutely closed.

Capt Buctr, who was as-signed to an army unit in De-camber 1999, believes the De-cember killings were carried out by an elite armed group acting on orders from the National Salvation Front (NSF), a group of communist The singers, who come party members, including Mr from a rundown Paris sub Riescu, which usurped power urb, were not in court, saying and executed Ceausescu and his wife.

urb, were not in court, saying they feared a mobbing by fans. But Kool Shen has de-

"They all have blood on their hands," said Capt Bu-cur, although he refused to go into greater detail. He warned that the secret police will at-tempt to manipulate the vote tomorrow to ensure Mr Riescu holds on to his post-tion. If the president falls, however, the truth behind the Romanian "revolution" may in Magureanu, insists no sur-it Magureanu, insists no sur-reillance is carried out President Ion Iliescu is cling-vithout legal authority. The parliamentary speaker, face a presidential run-off finally come to the surface.

anti-police Paul Webster in Paris

NATOLY Chubais, the chief of Russia's presidential adminis-tration, was last night embroiled in scandal after the leak of a conversa-tion in which he allegedly conspired to cover up mil-lions of dollars of illegal funding for Boris Yeltsin's re-elec-

tion campaign.
Within hours of the publication in a Moscow newspaper of the transcript, Mr Yeltsin cancelled a planned The tape from which the transcript was taken was

played on a private radio. station. One of those impli-But lawyers said the judge had abused his powers by cated in the conversation, Sergei Krasavchenko, Mr Chubais's deputy, admitted one of the voices "sounded like" Mr Chubais but claimed banning public appearances.

The two accused are the stars of NTM or Nique ta Mère (Fuck your Mother) whose last disc, Paris under the tape was a fabrication.

A presidential spokesman said Mr Chubais had "catethe Bombs, sold 200,000 copies. One of their concerts in a Toulon suburb in July was outlawed by the Gaullist gorically denied" that such a

conversation had taken place. Federal Security Service, and But the contents of the tape, if Oleg Soskovyets, the deputy varified, would be explosive premier. and could be used to start im-peachment proceedings

Mr Chubais, campaign co-ordinator Viktor Ilyushin and Mr Krasavchenko are said to of the presidential election.
discuss how they can hush up the arrest of two of Mr Chu-transcript as recounting a

'If the transcript is genuine then it may undermine the constitutional order

'Bugged' Chubais faces

Yeltsin funding scandal

bais's campaign workers who had been stopped two days earlier taking \$538,000 in cash out of Russia's White House. The arrest and subsequent release of Arcady Yevstaviev and Sergei Lisovsky on June told him: Boris Nikolayev and 19-20 led to a row between Mr now, if you want, you can arrest near the president's hotel Chubais and General Alexander Korzhakov, then head of the presidential bodyguard, which ended with the dismissal of Gen Korzhakov, Mikhari Danarhor the head of the force."

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hail Barsukov, the head of the

conversation he had with Mr Yeltsin about the dangers of funding his campaign with

The conversation allegedly took place in the president's hotel and was recorded by

remote sensors on June 22, just before the second round

"I told the boss when I spoke with him yesterday. I told him: Boris Nikolayevich,

said to discuss the possibility of smuggling Mr Yevstaviev and Mr Lisovsky out of Russia in the car of cellist and presidential supporter Matislav Rostropovich

it was assumed yesterday that the conversation had been bugged by Gen Korzha-kov's men and released to dis-

Sergei Baburin, deputy Speaker in the Duma, said that if the transcript is genu-ine then the scandal "may undermine the entire consti-tutional order". The Speaker, Gennady Seleznyov, said it shows how much "everything here is fragile and corrupt". Tension was high in the Belarussian capital, Minsk, last night, as opposition depu-ties claimed President Alex-ander Lukashenko was staging a state coup. Troops surrounded the central election commission after throwing out its chairman days be-fore a referendum is due on

increased presidential power.

## Castro keeps the Pope waiting

John Hooper in Rome

MIDEL CASTRO again failed to show up at the World Food Summit yesterday, prompting specula-tion about the reasons for his

absence. The Cuban leader had been The Cuben seasor use treat due to address the conference yesterday afternoon, and was expected to hold an historic reconciliation with the Pope during his stay in Rome.

But yesterday the Vatican's | leader's absence on bad | returned to Cuba from the spokesman claimed the weather which has struck the | Vatican last Monday. He Pope's secretariat had still not received a request for an audience — and a Cuban dip-lomat said the island's leader would "perhaps" arrive

Christine Graves, a spokes-woman for the Food and Agri-culture Organisation, the Rome-based United Nations agency which is staging the summit, said the Cuban au-

island in recent days, leaving thousands homeless

However, at least three commercial flights left the island early yesterday. And at Rome's Fiumicino airport an official said weather condi-tions over Cuba were "such as to delay a flight, but not to force it to be cancelled".

It meanwhile emerged that the Archbishop of Havana.

be present at an audience with the Pope, and his pres-ence in Rome was one reason for speculation that a meeting had been fixed. Vatican sources said it would be difficult to arrange

any meeting until Monday The pontiff has a full agenda today and has only once been known to grant an audience thorities had blamed their Monsignor Jaime Ortega, had on a Sunday.

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#### Search for strategy to end killing and chaos

## Feeding looters may be key to Zaire peace

Dele Olojede in Klaangani

MAN of God seized microphone and yelled into the dark-ness of the pre-dawn hours, calling for help to fend off looters trying to break into

the Catholic compound. In this town of more than 350,000, a few hundred people responded to the priest's cry and for once they succeeded in driving off maraud-ing soldiers from their own

army. But only for once.

An army in disarray is delivering the final blows to this prostrate frontier town deep in the Zairean rainforest. Orgies of looting wild gun-battles between units of the same army, random killings

and a desperate shortage of food have besieged the city. The fall of Goma and other eastern towns to Zairean rebels appears to have set off a domino effect which is now being felt in the vast hinterland of this unwieldy country. In addition to more than 1 million Rwandan Hutu refu-gees dispersed about eastern of Zaireans are believed to have been displaced by the

Terrorised by the retreat-

sangani and Goma are reported to have emptied. Vilagers have fled into the forest, and are slowly making their way towards Kisangani. Stragglers arriving in bands of tens and twenties say they left dying relatives by the roadside. Ald workers

and diplomats struggling to reach the displaced say the road to Goma is ruled by sol-diers turned-bandits, and littered with vehicles left by the defeated army of President Mobutu Sese Seko as it fled westward into the Zairean

A French diplomat is working with local army com-manders and surviving businesses to send a convoy of food, fuel and supplies down this road. The aim is to satisfy the looting lust of the soldiers, perhaps luring them back into Kisangani from where — with any luck — they can be reassembled.

After that, relief workers would secure relatively safe access to the displaced Zaireans as well as the Rwandan refugees who ran from the victorious rebels and are now believed to be scattered to the west of Goma near the towns of Masisi and Walikale. The policy has the backing

ing army, almost all villages of some locals, including Mo- we take in the supplies to the and towns along the 375 miles keni Ekopi Raymond, who population."—Newsday.

of rutted highway between Ki- | chairs the Kisangani chamber of commerce and is a leading organiser of the proposed convoy. He has sought to pre-vent looting by distributing free food to the soldiers and

> "The fact is that you have all these soldiers coming in and they need food, too," said Jerry Selenke, an American Catholic priest who runs logistics operations for local you don't feed them, all hell is going to break loose."

unstable environment into which foreign troops will shortly plunge. The multina-tional intervention force will find that all order has broken down, that no effective gov-ernment exists, that large population shifts have dislocated communities, and that heavily armed militias and a disintegrating army have cre-

"The convoy is for the looters, to get them out of the way," said a senior French diplomat. "We give them food. We give them petrol so they can come here to sell the cars they have stolen, which gives a chance for them to be sent back to the camp. After they are out of the way, then



A boy looks at the bodies of two relatives killed by Zairean rebels at the Mugunga camp in eastern Zeire

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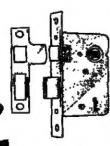


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## **Press savaging** riles Mandela

David Berestord In Johannesburg

ELATIONS between the South African press and Nelson Mandela nosedived yesterday when one of the country's biggest news-papers denounced him for "smearing" black journalists. The Johannesburg Star accused the president of "tainting both himself and the country" and of being un-

balanced and ridiculous. The editorial was written in response to a speech made by Mr Mandela on Wednesday in which he said the "white-conwere co-opting senior black journalists to attack fellow

The Star's black political editor, Kaiser Nyatsumba, has criticised his "autocratic" leadership and said in a radio broadcast that it may be due to "growing senility".
South Africa's biggest black
newspaper, City Press—
owned by an Afrikaans publishing house—has criticised

conciliatory approach to rightwing whites too far.

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sensational report in The Star on Monday, written by a black staffer, which suggested the president had withdrawn his endorsement of the deputy president, Thabo Mbeki, so his successive.

as his successor. The report was based on an interview given by Mr Man-dela to foreign journalists last Friday in which he answered questions about the succession with the formulaic reply that the presidency was not in his gift and would be decided at the ANC's congress in December next year. If it chose Mr Mbeki, he would support it.

But on Monday The Star reported that Mr Mandela warned a weekend meeting of the ANC's national executive that this Mbeki "bombshell" National Congress to avoid the executive as saying the leadership was "stunned" by the announcement, which was taken to mean "the race is on" for the presidency. The

ANC denied the report. Most observers believe it was exaggerated. But there is growing suspicion that the two have fallen out over who will succeed Mr Mbeki as dep-Mr Mandela for taking his uty. He wants a personal ally conciliatory approach to the Natal ANC leader, Jacob rightwing whites too far.
But the president's anger
was seemingly triggered by a more independent figure.

News in brief

#### **UN rapporteur warns** Israel on torture

A LEADING member of the United Nations anti-torture body yesterday criticised an Israeli court decision allowing police to use physical force against a Palestinian detainee, saying it risked sanctioning forture.

Israel's high court on Thursday overturned an interim court

order forbidding the Shin Bet secret police from using physical force against a Palestinian detainee. Israeli media reports said the detaines was a member of the

militant Islamic Jihad group and had information about attacks planned against Israeli targets. Peter Burns, a Canadian senior member of the UN human

rights body's torture committee and its rapporteur for Israel, said: "It is particularly disappointing that such a civilised society as Israel should feel the need to resort to such measure even in the face of imminent danger." — Reuter, Geneva.

#### Indian Maoists kill 14

MAOIST revolutionaries blew up a police station in the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh yesterday, killing 14 people, before escaping with rifles and ammunition. Thirty fighters from the benned People's War group, which h

called on landless peasants to rise up for nearly 20 years, carried out the raid in the town of Sirpur. They shot the local police chief and engaged police in an hour-long shoot-out before dynamiting the station. Thirteen police and a prisoner in the cells were killed.

The group murdered 84 police, landowners and liquor vendors in the first six months of the year, police said. — Suzanne Golden-

#### Bosnia baves way for arms

BOSNIA'S president, Alija Izetbegovic, yesterday bowed to United States pressure to fire two senior defence officials, including one with strong ties to Iran, clearing the way for delivery of a huge shipment of US arms, a US envoy said.

"President Izetbegovic informed us [he would] remove Deputy Minister Hasan Cengic and Minister Vladimir Soljic from office," the US special envoy, James Pardew, said.

Meanwhile, the Croatian president, Franjo Tudiman, was proported to be seriously ill with cancer. He was admitted to a

reported to be seriously ill with cancer. He was admitted to a Washington hospital for treatment, CNN said yesterday, citing US government sources. — Reuter, Sarajevo and Washington.

#### Shipping tycoon leads ballot

THE shipping tycoon Tung Chee hwa vying to take over as leader when Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule next year opened up a commanding lead in the first stage of belloting yesterday. Three contenders won the 50 votes needed to go through to the second ballot next month, but Mr Tung polled 206 votes in the 400-member committee set up by China. The former chief justice Ti Liang Yang won 82 votes, and the businessman Peter Woo won 54.—Reader, Hong Kong.

#### Swiss girl killed by bomb

A 13-year-old Swiss girl was killed yesterday and her mother severely injured when a parcel bomb the girl found in their post-box exploded in their home in Buchs, on the Austrian border, police said.

Another-bomb exploded the same afternoon in a grocer's shop

in Flawil, about 50 miles from Buchs.
Police in the northern canton of St Gall, who are not treating the blasts as linked, said: "Nothing is known yet about the perpetrators or their motive." — Reuter, Zurich.

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# Stirring things in a **Grantham teacup**

RADIO programme once voted Grantham in the Country". It was not ever thus. In 1937 the Grantham is associated fine headline "Scitement in Grantham", though it could as well have been "Storm in Teacup". The story begins "Grantham is associated Roberts, and his shop is on the story begins "Grantham is associated Roberts, and publisher and author. After annex was a comic novel called Rotten Borough by an author using the pen-name Julian Pine. "Grantham thinks it recognises itself as the Rotten Borough," wrote the Journal. "It thinks it recognises some of its eminant burchers in the strand of the muck-like it recognises some of its eminant burchers in the strand of the muck-like it recognises some of its eminant burchers in the strand of the muck-like it recognises some of its eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the characters of the eminant burchers in the strand of the complex at least 50 years was at Swine Mayor, the MP and most of the dayor, the MP and most of the countillors arrested for fruit and sent to jug.

The key to Orson Welles's Citizen Kane was a toboggan called Rosebud. When I first most of this marvellously libellous book I wondered whether it might likewise proves set of Mrs Thacher. It can hardly have gone unnothing the four most of the most of the market of the meant at the four the countillors of the fairn Bo of its eminent burghers in the story ... And finally, Grantham thinks it knows who Mr Julian Pine is, that he is the son of a parson in the district." There were plans for an "Indignation meeting" at which a mass libel action against the author would be

The novel exposes in farci-cal form the corruption of small-town politics. In Rotten Borough there is a big-wig called Colonel Barlow who had been to Harrow. In real life the Lord Lieutenant was a Squadron-Leader who had been to Eton. He was also Keeper of the Rolls, Custos Rotulorum, a title which Rotten Borough. Furthermore ing to King Edward VIII. In short, he was a very big cheese in those pre-war semi-feudal days. The publishers panicked, withdrew the book Grantham and the local MP, and grovelled to a number of what the Grantham Journal

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or arms

The local paper also reported the proceedings of the Grantham Council, in was eloquent about the expen-diture on oats for the horse way committee. In the same issue of the paper there is an advertisment for FINEST Draw the Hinds." The highly satisfying conclusion to the inly enough his address for

corner. This grocer, Sam Nurture, is very corrupt indeed, and in the novel the muck-raking local paper exposes him as the chairman of the Parks, Fairs and Lighting Committee who ensures the new street lighting is gas rather than electric. He has

The first problem was to find a copy. It wasn't in the British Library catalogue (which is extraordinary) and when I did track down a copy in a library it was kept under lock and key like a wild beast. The suppression of the book was very effective. The next step was to find the author. Having discovered that Julian

All Anderson wanted was a comfortable armchair, a warm fire, a life of peace and reason, eggs, toast and smoky China tea

shares in the gas company and makes sure one of the lamps is erected smack outside his shop, assuring passers-by a good view of his sausages, polonies and hrawns.

All goes well until one evening the Naughty Councillor locks up and induces a young leave when assistant to "assue locks up and induces a young lady shop assistant to "serve behind the counter in a rather unusual way". Unfortunately for the councillor he has forgotten to draw the blinds. The gas-lamps suddenly come on and "several House-Wives of the Lower Classes, whose faces were pressed against the Windows coveting the Pork Pies they could not afford to and "several House-Wives of the Lower Classes, whose faces were pressed against the Windows coveting the Pork Pies they could not afford to buy, saw Everything So the Naughty Councillor was in prove that was in the country of the political proves that my Guard-lan article led to the book Naughty Councillor was in prove that was in the provesting the publisher the author's true arms. more firm one way Undone and he had to resign from the Town Council and finally he Hanged Himself with a pair of Woolworth's braces in a Public Convenience. Moral:

tory inquiries before tracking him down, alive and well and The Thatcher connection

had aroused my curiosity, but more interesting. Rotten Borough is a farce, a romp, a hoot. It's the work of a clever, witty and sophisticated young under the author's true name and to widespread interest.

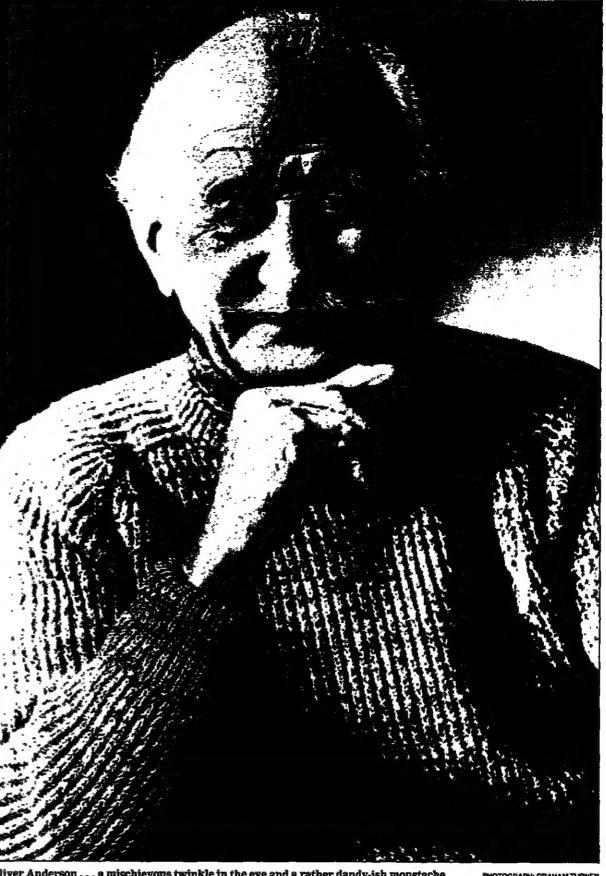
aged 34, was the son of a Lincolnshire parson straight

for anyone out nimself. He fought at Alamein in field ar-tillery. "They shove you well forward," he said with a laugh. He laughed a lot. After Alamein and Tunis it was back home for the Second Front, arriving in Normandy on D-day plus 2. He had what in those days was called "a good war". In peacetime he wrote

early a dozen novels under his own name and then gave up in 1969, when he was only 56. He said he was overcome by the spirit of the times, and by his besetting ains of lazi-ness and lack of ambition. He never owned a car, but walked and bicycled tirelessly. He led a simple life and his great pleasures were reading Proust and listening to classical music on the wireless. He said his aim in life was to get rid of attachments. All he wanted warm fire, and a life of peace His diet was mostly eggs

When I met him in his midseventies he appeared bremen dously fit and active, frolic-some and with a mischievous twinkle in the eye. The rather dandy-ish moustache was of the twirling kind, but looked like a mere afterthought, a decorative curlicue to the great proboscis. The nose was huge, chromatically thrilling. awe inspiring. It was best seen from any angle. He was one of the most instantly likeable people I have ever met.

Oliver Charles Anderson, novel



## First editions of an adventure story

FIRST met the screen-printer Chris Prater, who has died aged 72, one sunny Saturday morning in October 1968 at Keipra think at that stage he was ever truly in love with the medium, but he was probably always in love with art (Some years before he had attended Studio, then a converted house just off London's Old Street. I had come for an interview for a studio assistant's job. It turned out to be not much of an interview — "Hello would you like some tes — do you know Joe Til-son?" We spent the next hour talking about everything but the job I was supposed to be applying for. Chris was like that for the next 25 years during which we were friends and colleagues, and he never did ask me for any

Born in Battersea into very modest circumstances he left school at 14 Like all young men of his generation he soon found himself conscripted into the services, before really knowing what he wanted to do. After the war really knowing what he wanted to do. After the war he took up screenprinting initially as he put it, "as something to do". I don't screenprint from Robert Motherwell's Africa Suite, 1970 that his studio had a world-

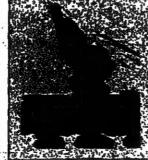
always in love with art (Some years before he had attended the working men's college, drawing and painting in the evenings).

He married Rose Kelly in 1966 and in 1967 they set up business together as commercial screennrinters. They



pra — a combination of both surnames. They were quite inseparable, living and working together until Rose's death in 1982.

It was in 1988 that they printed the poster for the Young Contemporaries exhibition. That in turn led to regular work for the Arts Council, and in 1961 Gordon House commissioned Chris to traded under the name of Kel- | print a series of square grids.



It marked the beginning of wide reputation and that he the great adventure into was a "someone in the art world". It was something he

In 1962 Richard Hamilton selected a group of young art-ist's to produce one print fair amount of "bluster" on each to form a portfolio for the Institute of Contemporary Arts. The ICA project proved a turning point for the studio. I can never remember Chris talking to anyone about Kel-pra's history without going into great detail about the ICA prints with obvious glee.
Looking back, it may have been the fact that in those days you could still produce things without having to constantly count the cost — not that that ever stopped him from giving the studio's "best

possible" service. And he did always give his best to all the

artists who subsequently used the studio (occasionally actually financing some of them when he could least af-By 1970 Kelpra's position as the foremost artists' screenprinters led to an exhi-bition at the Hayward Gallery. In 1980 the Tate held a retrospective: Artist's Prints 1981-1980 Which included works by RB Kitaj, Richard

and Joe Tilson. These prints, as I wrote in the catalogue, represented landmarks in the development of modern

know I did. **Douglas Corker** 

always seemed uneasy about his part - which could give

people the wrong impression. But he was always happiest when we were in the studio or sitting in his smoke filled office drinking tes and talk ing art and what screenprint-ing was like in the old days. An incurable experimenter Chris would drive me to distraction at times, but I came to realise that this was his great strength and it made all things possible, as indeed did our process photographer Dennis Francis whom Chris bad met and employed in the very early 1960s. Chris, my-self, Dennis, and my good friend Nigel Oxley — who was responsible for the etch-ing — formed the core of Kelpra, but none of us would have made our mark if it had

have made our mark if it had not been for the faith Chris showed in our ability.
After Kelpra closed, about five years ago, 1 lost touch with Chris. We didn't speak until a few months before his death. Our conversation was, as always, about the old days. I am sure Chris enjoyed every minute of them — I

Christopher Prater, screen

**Belinda Quirey** 

## Chocolate biscuits from a dance doyenne

teacher Belinda Quirey, nothing better than a digestive biscuit to soothe their just to translate an original poor tormented souls."

| advertisement in the Times. It offered a week's engagement in the Times. It offered a week's engagement in the Times. dance manuscript was pointless. It also had to be pre-sented practically, and danced at the highest possible level. Thus she choreo-graphed Rameau's Hippolyte et Arice for Birmingham University using 18th century dance technique and style, and thus she influenced many of today's directors, actors and singers in the art of period movement.

Among the places where she taught were the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, the London Academy of Music and Dance, the Guildhall School of Music and York University. She inspired all her many pupils. who are now scattered all over the world, and her classes and work were never

While working with her for the English Bach festival, the dancers must have consumed their combined weight eating ban, and classical ballet with the chocolate digestive biscuits she provided. "Oh dariniche through answering an died October 27, 1996

One RADA student, now an Anglican canon, was given unorthodox advice when pable of obtaining the pos-ture she wanted. "Think that you have a lemon between your buttocks and squeeze hard." He assures me that whenever he starts to feel lethargic he remembers Belinda and her lemons and squeezes hard.

UIREY was born in Northern Ireland, but educated in England tor of a railway company. Her career began with her lifelong passion, ballroom dancing, as a pupil of Eve Tynegate-Smith and she started professionally as the Gleneagles Hotel's ballroom

After studying modern dance with Rudolf Von La-

researched material of Melusine Wood, a pioneer in the field of historical dance.

For the rest of her life she was involved in what she called early dance. Should anybody be unfortunate enough to drop the term "his-torical dance" in her pres-ence a loud scream would If there was such an animal, she would ask, why wasn't music of the past "historical"

The dance world was very slow in accepting her findings. At a dance congress one famous teacher labelled them "a figment of Belinda's more than vivid imagination". She was undeterred. Her husband, James Kelly,

predeceased her. They had no

Michael Holmes

Beecham, chairman, Associa-

Face to Faith

## Why Islam is really a women-friendly religion

Ahmed Versi

HE media has portrayed an image of the Talihan's oppression of women which Westerners have found fascinating and horrifying.
What is overlooked is the long
history of Islam's gander equality and the many examples around the world of how islam continues to promote women's opportunities.

When Imam Zuhri, a Muslim scholar of the Sunnah (life and practice of the Prophet) in the eighth century, told Qasim ibn Muhammad, a scholar of the Qur'an, that he wished to seek knowledge, Qasim ad-vised him to join the assembly of a well-known woman jurist called Amra bint al-Rahman Early Islamic history is

replete with famous women jurists and scholars. Muslim women were famous in all fields of knowledge:

Shaikha Shuhda, known as Fakhral-Nisa, living in the 11th century, was well known in literature, rhetoric, poetry, and history. She gave public lectures in the mosque of Bagh-dad attended by many "ulama" (scholars). Shaikha Shuhda granted diplomas to many famous men of her time.

In the spiritual field, Rabi'a. al-Adawiyyah, a great sufi of Basra in the eighth century. infused the concept of divine love with such intensity that she devoted her whole life to contemplation of God. Khadijah, wife of the Prophet, was a very successful trader. She used her wealth in the way of Islam by helping the poor, in freeing slaves, and propagat-ing the message of the nascent religion. Khadijah was one of many women at that time who ran their own businesses.

through to the end of the Ottoman empire. For example, Umar ibn al-Khattab, the second caliph, consulted both Shifa bint Abdallah and Samara bint Nuhayk, who worked as inspectors in the market of Madinah. Women were among the first Muslims who were forced to leave their homes because of persecution and then spread the message of Islam. They were also among

the first martyrs. In the Qur'an, the main source for Islamic teachings, men and women have absolute parity: "The true believers, both men and women, are friends to each other, they enjoin what is just and forbid what is evil, they attend to their prayers and pay the alms tax and obey God and his

Apostle."
The only characteristic ran their own distinesses.

Women were consulted in the conduct of political affairs by the caliphs (khalifah) from the calibration (khalifah) fro which distinguishes and differ-

ings in the Qur'an is plety.
"Men and women, we have cre ated you from a male and fenations and tribes that you might get to know one anothe the noblest amongst you in God's sight is he who fears Him most."
Both men and women are

encouraged to acquire knowl-edge. The Prophet has said: The quest for knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim (men and women)."

Do we find the high status and equal treatment of women

that Islam prescribes? Not in the Western-created and sponsored Taliban where women are barred from participating OR can we find it in the

pro-Western secular state of Turkey, a country which prides itself on nore than 70 years of secularism and "women's emancinetion". Muslim women are not allowed to work in governme offices, the civil service, government hospitals and the judiciary. They are also forbidden from teaching in government universities. Nor can they take up a seat in the parliament. Why? Because they wear the hijab (headscart). Yet there are countries

mented where the women are are 21 women in the parliament. The Federal Supreme Court — the highest judiciary body in Sudan — has three female judges: In the British equivalent body, there are none. These women earn the same pay as their male counterparts; a total of 70 women work in the judiciary.

Nor is there any bar against women obtaining positions of power and serving in govern-ment. Professor Sit el Nafar Badi, for example, chairs the Industrial Committee of the National Assembly with 40 men working under her. Yet this is a country where Islamic law is implemented.

So where does the stereotyping of Islam as oppressive to women originate? Why does it receive such attention in the Western media? And why is so little attention given to Islamic countries where women do participate fully in public life? Could it be that the answers to these questions lie in political expediency and a historical de sire for the West's political hegemony over the resource-rich Islamic world rather than in a genuine desire to see

Ahmed Versi edits the national newspaper, The Muslim News Weekend Birthdays



What must it be like to be a character from one of your father's novels, as is Auberon Alexander Waugh, 57 tomor row? And not a hero, but a minor character: wasn't Bron one of those gingerish, licker-ish, seedily waistcoated chaps in the lit-mag line whom Basil Seal met in Put Out More Flags, just before the outbreak of war? The classy female litmag entourage which attends Bron's crowned state at the Literary Review resemble the early culture-groupies Guy Crouchback encounters in blacked-out London. And the chronicles of Bron's life in Somerset are obviously an extension of Boot's nature notes from Scoop with humans replacing voles questing in the cabulary, especially the word "disgusting"; lives in father's house; considered admission to his father's club White's; and wants to be

plashy fens around Taunton.

patriarch in a continuing dynasty". And yet ... and yet in his autobiography, the mos vivid page recalls that day in the bare deserts of post-war austerity when England's children were issued with a ba-nana each — one wonderful unknown yellow luxury and papa Evelyn Waugh commandeered his children's treats and ate them before

Today's birthdays: Prof Chinua Achebe, novelist. poet and educationalist, 66; Glenda Bailey, editor, Marie Claire, 38; Michael Billington, writer and critic, 57; Frank Bruno, boxer, 35; Willie Carson. jockey, 54; Griff Rhys Jones, comedian, writer, 43; Prof Sir Magdi Yacoub, cardiothoracic surgeon, 61; Wagar Younis, cricketer, 25; Michael Zander, Professor of Law, LSE, 64.

Lesley Abdela, founder, 300 Group for women in politics

tion of Metropolitan Authorities, 52; Danny DeVito, actor, 52; David Emmanuel, fishion designer, 44; Fenella Fielding, actress, 62; Lt-Gen Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff, 58; Colin Hayes, painter, 77; Sir Charles Mackerras, conductor, 71: George Masso, jazz musician, 70, Gordon Lightfoot, songwriter, 58; Prof Lin-ford Rees, dean, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, 54; Jonathan Ross, broadcaster, 36; Martin Scorsese, film director, 54; John Wells, writer and actor, 60.

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Birthdays

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### The limits of alcohol

If only the experts could agree

SHOULD people be barred from jobs as a result of one blood test for alcohol? The result of the television executive's action against a company doctor who diagnosed him unsuitable for work with NBC Europe because of an alleged consumption of 35 units (four and a half bottles of wine) a week - will not be reached until next week. But the case has already produced sufficient substance for two separate debates in British pubs this weekend: what is a safe level of alcohol consumption? And is the American approach - initial screening by companies followed by random testing the best way of tackling alcoholism?

No one should minimise the deadly affects of alcohol. About 28,000 deaths a year are alcohol-related (including 10 deaths a week from drink driving) and nearly a quarter of all male admissions to hospitals has an alcohol element. Its propensity to increase violence is notorious; about 40 per cent of child abuse cases include an alcohol element and over 40 per cent of other violent domestic incidents, while 65 per cent of attempted suicides involve people indulging in excessive drinking. Then there are the financial costs: an estimated £50 million from alcohol-related crime, £150 million in NHS treatment, and as much as £2 billion lost to industry

from absenteeism. Yet, despite the huge losses to industry, private employers remain complacent. Only three per cent responded to a survey of 3,000 companies last year on alcohol-related problems. An estimated 10 per cent of British companies do already test prospective employees for alcohol or drug abuse but there their policy frequently stops. Some 40 per cent do not have a policy on alcoholism and 60 per cent no system for identifying or recording drinking problems. Even health authorities are no better than private employers in introducing

Compare this to the American approach - both private and federal. Over one million federal employees were drawn into test programmes — for drugs as well as alcohol - during the 1980s. Workers are expected to urinate on demand by officials given the Orwellian title of "collection site person", whose job is to ensure employees do not substitute their sample with regularly advertised samples of drug-free urine. The American programme has raised serious civil liberty issues. It reverses the normal presumption of innocence. There is little treatment associated with the tests. They can lead to the dismissal of people who go to work sober, but were drunk on Saturday night. Even more serious, there is concern about the specimens being analysed without the subject's knowledge to reveal confidential medical conditions like epilepsy or pregnancy.

The American approach is too coercive just as the British is too complacent. This week's case highlights another problem: the disagreement between medical experts on what is a safe limit. Two doctors in this experts on what is a safe limit. Two doctors in this week's case — a professor of medicine and a consultant MANIFESTO stead we should install a new week's case — a professor of medicine and a consultant physician — declared 35 units of alcohol was not exceptional, would not affect an individual's capacity to work, and was not dangerous. One Danish study published by the British Medical Journal, suggeste males drinking 50 units of wine (but not beer or spirits) a week would reduce their risk of premature death. But even the scientists disagree. Many believe the Danish level is dangerous. The official British guideline has been increased but only to 28 units for men, 21 for women. The best emphasis would be on prevention rather than retribution. We need more support programmes, counselling and treatment schemes.

#### **Digital dictator**

Mr Murdoch needs competition: now

without actually asking us - turned down the BBC's request to have its television licence fee increased. But people, as individuals, seem ready to pay ever increasing sums to watch television as the industry prepares to enter the digital age when hundreds of channels will fight each other for the three hours and five minutes we spend (on average) each day watching television. In the short-term there are expected to be two corporate honeypots - films and sport. Earlier this week a newspaper report suggesting that some Premier League football clubs like Manchester United could get up to £50 million in extra revenues from pay-per-view was enough to send the shares of quoted football clubs

At the moment, almost inevitably, Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB is poised to clean up in pay-per-view since he aiready has an armiock on Premier League football and even on international matches like England versus Georgia which most sensible people regard as national events that should have been broadcast by the BBC or ITV. BSkyB has booked space in a digital satellite from next summer as the start of a plan to bombard us with sport and films from hundreds of channels. In theory there ought to be a shoal of competitors bidding for the rights to transmit individual football matches live by pay-per-view including cable companies, digital terres tial broadcasters, rival groups renting satellite space enterprising football clubs and even the BBC itself which isn't prohibited from entering the pay-per-view market as long its ventures aren't financed by licence income. Unless any of these, individually or collectively, can get their act together, Mr Murdoch will use the formidable base he has built up to expand his growing hold on our viewing habits. And if, as looks likely, he is first to produce a set-top box to unscramble digital signals then - since few people would want to buy two of these expensive decoders - he will control the gateway to the digital age for the BBC and other

All of which, once again, proves the superiority of marketing over technology. BSkyB's system triumphed offer. And satellite television ought to be yesterday's technology since it isn't interactive like cable and it needs a separate decoder for more than one televison set. If British Telecom hadn't been forbidden to send entertainment down its lines it could have built broadband (high capacity) optical fibres right into our homes. As long as BT had been required to offer "common carrier" rights at a fair price to all companies wanting to transmit, it would have removed the need to dig up the roads for cabling or to disfigure our streets with millions of satellite dishes. The rest is history.

## Life, the universe and waffle Getting all worked up about work in the course of 48 hours

ALWAYS look forward to reading the load of waffle esponding to Richard Dawkins' thoughts (A hunger for wonder, November 12). Thursday's letters lived up to expectations. Philip Lloyd Lewis rolled out the old lie that science attempts to prove that the universe is an orderly place. Try studying quantum mechanics or turbulent fluid flow to discover how disorderly the universe appears to scientists. Science never attempts to prove anything; it only tries to help us under-

stand in an empirical way. Ben Lane has put a new slant on evolution in his letter. Darwinian evolution, as championed by Dawkins, never imagined that poetry, emotion and mysticism, however important to humans, could have driven the evolution of any species. Perhaps Mr Lane could elaborate. Richard Daw-kins has said that "One need

AND THOSE ARE

Of an ad for underpants by

the Committee of Advertising

Practice (Warning over men's briefs ad "sexist", November

13), may I draw your attention to a letter in the Lancet of June

29? The authors, writing from

underpants led to a halving of the number of sperm, while

their mobility was a third of

that of semen from men wear-ing boxer shorts.

the underpants 24 hours a day over six months, so it could be

said that such behaviour would

impair reproductive potential even more than any associated

reduction in fertility could do.

(Dr) Robert Blomfield. 7 Crossley Terrace,

lebden Bridge, W Yorks.

DO NOT agree with Terry

Dicks's views on homosex-uality (Rented quotes, Novem-

The study involved wearing

the wearing of tight-fitting

the Netherlands, reported that

DEFINITELY REPRODUCTION I go no further than science to understand the universe". That science has not produced all the answers as yet, nor probably ever will, does not invalidate that proposition. It simply means that superstition is not a viable alternative Peter Gibbs 13 Fairway, Girton, Cambridge CB3 0QF.

OR SOME time I have won-dered whether Richard Dawkins' antagonism to religion is based on a wish to see it replaced by science. As a credible religion needs to express a satisfactory balance between reason and emotion, I find my speculation reinforced by his (quite correct) emphasis in the Dimbleby Lecture on the emo-tional responses of scientists to the world that they explore and describe. A generation or more ago,

that splendid scientist and polymath Julian Huxley

ANTIQUE SHOP

ber 14). I do, however, find it strange that health workers

planned to "visit gay pick-up

points and offer advice on con-traception". Haven't they

Our top company

A NOTHER example of Brit-ish Gas's competence (Let-

ters, November 9, 12): I rang

the company to report a strong smell of gas at a remote

country crossroads (I happen

to know that there's a pipeline there). I was informed that the

eak could not be reported un-

less I could provide the post-code of its location. Surely

other readers cannot beat this for British Gas efficiency?

Stokesley, Cleveland.

rather missed the point? Luke Burstow.

Lennox Road, Hove,

East Sussex BN3.

VICTORIAN

F UNDERPRINTS

Without Revelation. This, too, had evolution as its leitmotiv. My recollection is that the proffered new form of religion flew like a lead balloon. Norman Sheppard. University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ.

WHAT a load of Godswal-lop in response to Daw-kins—especially from Philip Lloyd Lewis (Letters, November 14). So the law of gravity is just a conjuring trick? Then I must be mistaken in having always thought it a natural law, by its very orderliness controlling us all and having nothing to do with science. Perhaps Lewis should read Peter Medawar, who points

out that we don't nee "proofs" of, for example, the Earth's rotundity: "We accept the idea because the whole of navigation, aeronautics, geodesy, geometry, cartography

wrote a book entitled Religion | and chronometry rest upon it; it is now not possible to think rationally on any of these sub-lects without accepting the concept of the roundness of the Earth." Science has noth-ing to do with making the universe an orderly place. Tony Hills. Middlecott Cottage Morchard Bishop, Crediton, Devon EX176RW.

> Given the apparent abour-dity that anything should exist at all, it seems to this non-scientific atheist that we have a choice between the ideas of those who chip away patiently at what can be obproved, and those who wish to explain one vast mystery by replacing it with something even more astonishing and no ess mysterious. Gordon Simpso

173 Old London Road, Hastings, E Sussex TN35 5LU.

of health service managers.
If people want their GPs to continue to feel undervalued in the face of increasing expectations of the service they provide, and a falling recruitment rate which could lead to the mplementation of a privatised primary care system. then carry on under-paying those of us that have responsi-bility for them 24 hours a day, 65 days a year.

(Dr) Dong Campbell. Lime Cottage, Lime Walk, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton.

AM incensed by your pub-lishing of the diatribe by Roy Lilley, a former NHS manager with a chip on his shoulder about doctors. His points are not even worth refuting indinot even worth rending indi-vidually, except to say that NES trust managers are an "occupational group" with higher earnings than doctors, higher pay rises, and far more rapacious motives for what

they do. Their only qualifica-tion for the job (no, being a used-car salesman is common nations care for a big salary

against general practitioner He appears to suffer from compulsive obsessive disorder with hatred for thouin the NHS. He is pathological in his continuous pomitus on NHS issues. Is there a doctor in the house to give this poor suffering man some common sense therapy? (Dr) V K Bansai. British Medical Association,

OY Lilley missed out the biggest earner of them all for GPs. Dispensing doctors are allowed to dispense for rural patients living more than a mile from a pharmacy huge discounts and prescribing those that show the high-

#### Taste of his own medicine

FROY Lilley (Doctoring the system, Society Guardian, Novemebr 13) had done his covered that most of the extra payments he identifies that GPs may claim are included in the target net income of £48,000. Those not in this sum are monies taken from them by Kenneth Clarice in the 1990 Contract. Without exception, surveys of patient satisfaction, score their GPs very highly,

which is more than can be said

but not a necessary qualifica-tion) is willingness to sacrifice (Dr) Peter D Berry.

27D Pembroke Place Liverpool L3 5PFL

DLEASE allow a respons to Roy Lilley's comical and nonsensical broadside sands of hard-working doctors

35 Seymour Terrace, Liverpool L3 5PE.

This entails hiring a dis-penser, ordering the drugs at est margins. Eric Brindle.

The Malt House, Stansted, Sevencaks, Kent TN15 7PJ.

## Getting all worked up about

UGO Young's opposition to any limitation on working hours in the European Union (Commentary, November 12) has a familiar ring. The 1833 Act limiting the work of children under 13 to 48 hours a week was strongly opposed by an alliance of Radicals and Tories united by a belief that, as Cobbett put it. "the industrial welfare of Eng land depended on 30,000 little girls. If these little girls worked two hours a day less, our manufacturing supremacy would depart from us". In the event Britain's supremacy survived several further 19th Century Acts of Parliament regulating adult working hours and conditions — in defiance of Lord Brougharn's 1832 contention that Parlia-

sume that Mr Young would have opposed them all. What is perhaps more surprising is that a government seeking populist issues in its dying days should have lighted on one which has no obvious popular appeal at all. Does Mr Major really believe that most working people want to work more than 48 hours a week without having say in the matter and to forgo the right to paid holidays? David Gladstone. Mountfort Terrace.

ment should not seek to "en-

force a maximum number of

hours for the work of grown men" — and we must now pre-

AN anyone enlighten me as to how a 48-hour-week would affect the teaching profession? Several years ago a directive laid down the number of hours they were contracted to work. This was abandoned because teachers regularly ex-

London N1 1JJ.

ceeded these hours. Surveys have shown that many teach-ers are working 55 to 70 hours a week. These hours result in tired and stressed teachers. many of whom are having to take early retirement on health grounds. When will teachers be allowed to exercise the right not to work more than 48 hours a week? Clive Goodwin. 11 Herbert Road. Southsea, Hants PO40QA.

Andrew State of the State of th

STHERE any underpinning floor to wages and working conditions that would be acceptable to Hugo Young? Should we be striving to abolish slavery, especially child . slavery, in Asia by whatever means we can, or should we be tearing up those petry regulations that stand in the way of our competing on equal terms?
Odd how "increased labour flexibility" — wage cuts and poorer working conditions is always the prescription of the affluent for those at the bottom of the heap; we never hear calls to increase our com-petitiveness by slashing payouts to company directors by the odd factor of 10. David Lewin. 50 Clive Road, Oxford OX43EL.

Δ S A occupational health physician (retired), I find the Government's arguments that long hours of work are not a health and safety issue quite extraordinary. In my experience excessive overtime, long shifts and too short breaks between shifts have been respon-sible for more sick absence than the common infections. (Dr) Pairicia Elliott. The Old Vicarage. Ashdon, Saffron Walden, Essex CB10 2HG.

#### The first task in Zaire

WHEN we see images of V hungry people being beaten back from UN food warehouses, our instinct is to deliver aid (Mission to save million lives, November 14). Some 1.5 million lives in Central Africa now depend on a response, while many more will be involved in chaos and deprivation should we not act Within Zaire there are forces that seek to benefit from the total breakdown of civil welfare systems. In nearby countries there are other cli-ents of chaos whose agendas are built on terror. The warring factions use innocent civilians and human targets to create their power bas

The international force is therefore going to have to take over more than camps, airfields, radio stations and roads. Reading, Berks RG1 8AE.

It will have to stop the armed and those who supply arms. It will then need to enable those who wish to head for home to undertake the difficult journey, helped by aid agencies. This has taken place already in neighbouring Rwanda. Communities schools, agriculture, welfare systems can start up again. the people begin to utilise their own skills and crafts and aspirations. This is happening today in Bosnia. It cannot begin, however, until those who create the terrorism see no way forward, and are brought to a halt. David H W Grubb. Executive Director, Children's Aid Direct. 82 Caversham Road,

#### A Country Diary

MACHYNLLEITH: On a sunny November morning I write this on a hill-top high above the sea in Cardigan Bay Yet today it is not the sea I look at so much as the land. From my high perch I see most of the parish in which I live on the south side of the Dyfi estuary. A part of the foot-hills of Plynlimon, it is mainly a steeply tilted land deeply riven by streams that come hastening down wild, rocky, wooded valleys. Inevitably this is a sparsely populated parish but we do have three little villages along the main road that squeezes between uplands and estuary. We have a filling station with a shop, an 18th century iron-furnace. a chapel and a church that needs a new roof. We have nei-ther a post office nor an inn but we do have a lively Womens' Institute that next year will be celebrating its 75th birthday. Two centuries

furnace, the parish might have become thoroughly industrialised. But mercifully iron-smelting migrated south to Glamorgan and today, far from being industrialised, our parish is rather strong on nature conservation; we have two large reserves and at the moment are trying to get another one established. But is there any parish anywhere however small, that cries out for some sort of safeguarding in these days when the countryside is under ever increasing threat from developers, speculators and philistines and when the prospects for some species of wildlife look so bleak? One thing is sure: even our choicest parishes will not survive unscathed unless enough of us are strong in their defence. In our parish the WI has long been on the side of conservation. So I pray it will go on fighting the good fight until its centenary and

THE GOVERNMENT has on our behalf - though

companies as well. even though it was the inferior of the two systems on

## Peak practice

A couple that hit below the belt

## ANOTHER ROAD accidents are quickly cleaned up—so we forget about the risks. In-

Our series lets renders inject constructive ideas into political debate. Nearer polling day a panel will select the best. Today. the traffic problem

HIGH proportion of traf-

times is caused by the school car run. This practice is undermining children's health. I suggest that measures be taken to encourage parents to send their children to school by more acceptable means. Firstly, school bus services should be vastly expanded. Secondly, an increase in road tax for all drivers with schoolage children should be phased in, culminating in a rate three times that of the standard. Only those parents who could provide evidence (provided by schools) that they did not drive their children to school would be exempt. The tax revenue Edinburgh,

stead we should install a new larly dangerous spots. They would state (with families permission) the names and ages of those killed in recent years, and the dates of the crashes. Then watch drivers treat such roads with respect. London E7.

N California, the leading ve-

hicle must bull over to let others pass safely when three or more are waiting to overtake. With our more overgrowth of road rage, we should introduce this into the Highway Code. Mary Lewis. 22 Hutton Road, Ash Vale Aldershot GU125HA

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### A Guardian addict writes

Y RETURN flight from Pakistan gave me my first opportunity for 10 days to see a London newspaper. Keen to read the major news stories about real life in Britain, I grabbed last Thursday's Guardian.

Page one led with a splash story that a US image consul-tant might come to this country, complemented by a portrait in colour. The supporting story was an opinion poll result. Page three was mostly about the hairstyles of politicians, illuminated by ight photographs. Page four led with "analy-sis" of the page one story on

mage-making, buttressed by a large photograph from within the White House of mage-makers at work. Page eight carried the results of an opinion poll, plus bar chart, with the conclusion that the British are guilty about plea sure, although the public-policy implications of this insight were disappointingly

undeveloped. The opinion poll on pleasure only made it to the bottom of the page, but page nine made amends by splashing your own

Comment page was dominated by a column on the impact of politicians' images on women's votes, illustrated by a large cartoon of Tony Blair of-

fering Milk Tray chocolates. odd niece, but by my reckoning this single edition carried 395 column inches on images, opinion polls and focus groups, supported by 11 photo-graphs and two cartoons,

Real life in modern Britain was not entirely excluded. Page eight carried 20 column inches on the report that Britain now has more people be-low the poverty line than any other European country and that the gulf between our regions is widening. I became a Guardian addict

out of a belief that it had a duty to inform and a responsibility to shape public debate. Show politicians that what drives the news agenda are opinion polls and hairstyles and we will get politicians who respend to those priorities. plash on the rise in poverty in Britain and we might just get it given greater priority in public debat

(Rt Hon) Robin Cook MP.

#### opinion poll on role models, complete with photo-montage, bar chart and insert box. The Shadow Foreign Secretary. ago, when the local woodlands House of Com were being decimated to profar beyond vide charcoal for our bron-London SWIA OAA. WILLIAM CONDRY



Mark Lawson

OR SOME weeks, I have spent quiet mo-ments trying to predict the opening line of the autobiography of Sarah, Duchess of York. Fergie's history suggested that humility and apology were unlikely. Defiance or denial seemed more her style: "Everything I did, I did for my country", perhaps, or, "The day that I asked Johnny Bryan to get a splinter out of my toe beside the pool was the day it all

went wrong". Well, now we have it. The first sentence of My Story (Simon & Schuster) runs: "Of all the Queen's homes, Bal-moral Castle is so special." Irrelevant, illiterate, un-informative, it perfectly sets the tone for a book littered with weird and unexpected sentences: "I am one for whom smells are important, who follows her nose". Or: "Sloanes

have the most riotous nick. have done more to destroy skill for orchestrating debanames... A man with a red her than any of those she face would be called Pinky identifies as hostile.

Skill for orchestrating debanames... a man with a red her than any of those she face would be called Pinky identifies as hostile.

The ability of the royal family (also applied to anyone whose surname was Salmon)". And: "Helicopters depend entirely on the operator... to hover one is like sitting on a golfball (not that I ever have)". Or, finally: "Consciousness was a new medium for me".

Enjoying her unfamiliar

state of consciousness, she has spent most of this week promoting the book in news-paper, television and radio interviews in Britain and America. If this woman for whom smells are important has been following her nose, she will have experienced again that most familiar whiff in her life, the stench of disaster. Even old "Pinky" Salmon would be forced to conclude that old Fergie has made a Horlicks of it again. She has fallen off the golfball.

Her problem is that she has never understood who her enemies really are. In her book, and in interviews, she blames for her downfall the Duke of Edinburgh, the "Palace staff", and her former advisers, Johny Bryan and Allan Starkie. Yet the hero and heroine of her book — her father Major Ronald Fergu-son, who she refers to throughout by the unusual plural name "Dads", and Di-ana, Princess of Wales —

Her father seems to have tutored her in emotional in-continence and financial recklessness. And then, there is her former sister-in-law. Interviewed by Sue MacGregor on Radio 4's Today pro-

Fergie's fall from grace - and her golfball

gramme on Thursday, the Duchess was full of praise for that other member of the Royal First Wives Club: "[Diana) was my friend and she is my sister. We are still sisters." She means, presum-ably, a relationship of solidarity rather than genes. In the book, she describes them as "a mutual-aid society, sisters under the skin". Yet so many of Fergie's dif-

ficulties come from not being Diana. They are indeed remarkahly similar - disturbed young women from broken homes who have be-come self-deluded gluttons for publicity — but their effect on sis. Attempting a similar exothers is entirely different. If you set out to design by com-puter a woman likely to invite male lust and female sympathy in Britain, you would select a thin, shy blonde with a talent for dramatising her own suffering. If you then tried to create a

liked about the other one.

The princess was regarded as sery, the duchess as ser-mad Diana is a genius at public relations; Fergie a maestro at had publicity. Diana comes up with sentimental but effective stuff about the need to give children hugs. Fergie's attempted imitation — "A smile takes a minute and costs very little" — simply makes you wonder how many people need a whole 60 seconds to grin and what spendthrift Fer-gie would be doing with some-thing inexpensive. Seeking to build her own

mage at the expense of her

former in-laws, Diana gave one carefully controlled television interview, in which she displayed a sophisticated understanding of the bodylanguage of victimhood and the verbiage of psycho-enalyercise, poor Fergie, who always wants too much of everything, gives half a dozen or more interviews, exposing the artifice of her well-

Asked by Elizabeth Grice in the Dally Telegraph whether she had contemplated suicide, counterpart calculated to generate dislike from all sides, you would phump for a fat, spell the word." But, when bumptious redhead with a Sue MacGregor phrased the match, produced through the of the public.

doing away with yourself?"—she again answered, "Can't even spell the word", creating an effect reminiscent of the Two Ronnies sketch in which a man always answers the question before last. (Some one-liners, apparently pre-pared for a speech at a lec-tern, were bastily adapted to interview format: "I stand

The book and interviews eave little doubt that Sarah Duchess of York, was born the excuse of blood with a self-destruct button. Yet Fergie's real Her unfortunate taste in clothes and home decoration was mirrored in her selection of friends. She still seems to the colleague who has seemed think the story is that she was let down by Madame Vasso, Bryant and Starkie, but the real story is that she ever let

them up. Some of her complaints about external forces are, however, justified. When the marriage of Charles and Di-ana failed, a common view was that the strictures and traditions of the royal family had necessitated an arranged loveless marriage between two unsuitable people. Yet a marriage which was the preto assimilate new members, a trick on which its future will depend, must again be sev-erely questioned.

Monarchists bleat that Fergle was simply unsuitable material for the Family, but you suspect that she has more than a little in common, in both temperament and life-style, with HRH Princess here for the truth", she told style, with HRH Princess Sue MacGregor. "I. er. sit here for the truth.")

Margaret, whose questionable taste and judgment have been accommodated by the monarchy because she had

> was Diana. There is a mo-ment in many spy thrillers when an agent realises that him ever closer to danger.
> "You bastard," be gasps. You were on their side all along." One day, Fergie will have such a moment, but her book and her interviews suggest that she is far away from it now. Diana did not consciously double-cross her -although the well-document-ed tendency of the very attractive to befriend the highly unattractive must be considered — but it was written in their destinies that only one of them could win the sympa-

## The hunting of the quark of politics

#### Commentary Martin Woollacott

T HAS long been accepted, in science, that the act of measurement can alter the thing being measured. Laymen grope with the notion of particles so elusive and changeable that capturing them for a millisecond is a triumph. Something child. ing them for a musecond is a triumph. Something similar is beginning to happen in politics, where the hunting of the quark, defined as the momentary mood of the public, has become so central an activity.

An erosion of the relative autonomy of public opinion, of the media, and of politi-cians was especially apparent during the American elec-tions, where vast financing exaggerates tendencies seen exaggerates. The American

that both took money in even larger amounts than in the past from domestic and foreign companies and groups. This buying your own deregulation or buying your own foreign policy is of course outrageous. It is also wrong that these bribes should be passed on to the media, mainly television, in the form of payment for political advertising, and to the growing industry and to the growing industry of political investigation and opinion management with its polisters, consultants, cam-paign planners, and focus

group impresarios. But less often asked is what

exactly is going on in this exchange other than the transfer of money from business to politicians to the media, and the returns to donors in the shape of concessions and modifications.

ion, and they seek to measure both. At each point of the triangle there is an attempt to measure the others - and modify behaviour accordingly — but the actors, whether politicians, press, or

public, are no longer autonomous.

They seek the basis for action in the desires and intentions of others. But those desires are increasingly feemodifications to legislation. The rest of what is happening, however, is arguably more pernicious than the brihery. The process is one of endless consultation between increasingly uncertain groups. Here is the quark factor. The politicians want to find out what the public ble or false because all look to everywhere. The American parties have been properly criticised for corruption, in

policies and are either happy with or are unaware of contradictions. Even where they with or are unaware or con-tradictions. Even where they are not notably partisan, and even if they also offer sus-tained analysis, the media as-sist in the transmission of the heart.

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highly simplified, short, unre-lated, messages.

Voters are saturated with these messages and appeals which have supposedly been crafted, after all the polls and focus work, with their desires in mind. This is a more and more expensive and suppos-edly more and more reliable branch of political work. Yet these crafted messages are not all that well received, even though people often even though people often repeat them in talking about politics. The flaw is that citizens do not seem to like the idea of politicians appeasing them in this way. They are aware of how volatile, fleeting, and derivative much of what they think is said as an armonder. what they think is and do not regard it, in the last resort, as a proper basis for politics. This is not the manner in

This is not the manner in which they want to be heeded. Although voters often punish authenticity they also respect it, which is why politicians like Enoch Powell have always had the regard even of those who intensely dislike their ideas. There is a hunger for without intensely the state of the second hunger for authenticity as the number of confected political appeals increases. This need may be one explanation for the movement by politicians into the area of personal morality. If there is a sense that broader appeals are falling because of a certain convergence between right and left, and because voters are wary of their own opinions being regurgitated in political cam-

iticians can successfully show theselves as people who mean what they say and speak from

An overwhelming concen-Clinton is concerned, as code for sexual misbehaviour or fitration on what will play well and a need to try to establish what that is in advance is evident among new politicians. Some would see politics infected by the entertainment industry, functioning like a fearful Hollywood trying to repeat last years's hits and changing the ending of films if the try-out audiences react badly. It is not so much that parties, in the quaint phrase which they can enjoy, accept, or dismiss as performance. The fact that it involves the central decision-making pro-

There is a hunger for authenticity as the number of confected political

appeals increases

used when discussing these subjects 20 years ago, have had to adapt themselves to the "television age".

That suggests politicians working from a stout agenda which they then have to translate into the requisite soundities westfale and discussing

new. It is a double process of investigating and micro-managing public opinion, in which politicians and public, with the assistance of the press and broadcasting, exchange these constantly amended, touched up, and cumlatively contradictory messages. But it is a public opinion that express the comcourses on newness. No, the suspicion grows that the solid agenda has become diffuse, a product of the efforts to ascer-tain and play to public feel-ing, and that the message, in other words, has become the

#### paigns and political personal-ities are often now "reviewed" with the same vo-Shared for a play or a television series. We speak of the char-acter issue, at least as far as memory of loss nancial corruption. But the real character issue may be that we review leading politi-

cabulary that might be used

cians — and all democracies are converging toward a presidential form — as if they

were great actors, criticising less their character than their

performance. So the public becomes accustomed to the

television, like sport, this is another form of offering

cesses in our societies is not forgotien, exactly, but un-

oubtedly recedes.

The theatre is not a new

metaphor for politics, and pol-iticians, by definition, have always sought the measure of public opinion. Yet the effort

beginning to be invested in calibrating every shifting nu-

ance of that opinion, and the slavishness with which some

politicians respond to it is new. It is a double process of

messages. But it is a pullar opinion that senses its own inauthenticity and still craves an older, bolder and more self-reliant kind of

I quote directly from my fax on the subject:
"P25 — I find it incompre-

hensible that we can have bastard, sod and tosser but not pillock, which has a noble lineage and makes a sweet and harmless sound. It was good enough for Shakespeare

Pillicock sat on Pillicock-

Eventually I won my pil-lock by trading it for a bugger

on page 101. In a subsequent episode a serial thief known

as the Pisser had become the

Micturator, the last time I glimpsed the script. This kind of time-wasting, moonstruck nonsense is the logical conclu-

sion of putting your faith in management strategies and

In the midst of all this talk, one question remains un-

asked and therefore unan-swered. What is the informa-

tion we are going to share?
Are there some tablets of stone, previously hidden in a vault or buried on a moun-

tain-side, that will transform our existence and carry us

into the new millennium with

a whole new range of insights into the human condition? Answers on a postcard please The conclusion is simple

enough: the BBC is confused

and frightened. It's nothing to

be ashamed of Also among the confused and fearful are ITV, Channel 4, and all our

national institutions includ-ing the royal family and both

ing the royal family and both political parties.

The perceived solution, to climb behind barricades of impenetrable management jargon masquerading as intellectual analysis, is not good enough. Beyond that, the appropriate that the property was a supplication.

parent urge to embrace the market forces (or capitalism as we used to call it) in search

of essential virtue is doomed from the first caress. The

market forces have no con-

science: ask Barings bank. In any case, Rupert Murdoch is the smartest operator in the village and has a firm grasp on the Marxist principle of

HE brutal fact is

mission statements



Martin Kettle

OR connoisseurs of this newspaper quite the most remarkable event of this week look place behind our own closed doors and went properly unreported in the following day's edition. Nevertheless, in my dozen years at the paper I have never known the like of it.

Every morning the Guardian holds a meeting in the editor's office. It is known universally as the 10.30, though it normally takes place at about 20 to 11. It's place at about 20 to 11. 11. both a post-mortem on last night's paper and an early discussion about tonight's edition. People explain what is planned for the various bits of the paper and there's a general discussion about longer-term ideas.

reading of the early news lists went on for nearly 20 min-utes. As 11 o'clock loomed, it was the turn of the features editor to speak to his list. But at this point the editor quietly leant forward and said, "Shall we take a two minutes' silence at this point?" Nobody objected. And so that is what

hill' (in King Lear) and I think we could fight for this we all did.

Perhaps long ago on the Manchester Guardian between the wars they used to pause from their labours at this hour too. But I am not aware that such a moment was observed here within many people's living mem-ory. On the whole, I think the culture of the Guardian used to be unspokenly sniffy about poppies and official remembrance.

Last year, we wrote an edi-torial supporting the idea of a national silence. However, since November 11 fell on a that most of the people working for the BBC are less Saturday in 1995, this year was the first time we had concerned with been called upon to put our keeping promises than with silence where our mouth is. I hadn't expected it and, perunderlying premise of the current bout of missionary zeal: sacking a few thousand prise, we all stayed silently people to help pay for the digital-information revoluseated last Monday. Next year maybe we will stand up, as we should. tion where, naturally enough, the BBC wants to be at the cutting edge, whatever that

In itself this little act of observance was unimportant to the future of the world. But I think it was nevertheless a small indicative act of our country and our times. Something has changed — some-thing which allowed the editor to make the suggestion that he did and which encouraged the otherwise bolshie,

those on the left who will offer a facile explanation. other in a long line of compro-mises with the culture of the English establishment. Probably some will say that it proves what they have sus-pected about the Guardian all along. Others on the right will take the opposite view, surprised by an anecdote that runs counter to their stereo-typical view of this newspaper as a home for dedicated subversives and inveterate iconoclasts. And there are certainly those who think it only goes to show the cultural power of the tabloids which the campaign for a national stoppage on November 11. I think it indicated some-

thing less precise, less nar-row-minded and at the same time more profound. It exists much more widely than the Guardian. Indeed, the fact that it includes the Guardian proves just how widespread it must be. To me it speaks not of any compromise with na-tionalism, militarism or even the nerve of resistance. I think it is more likely that it says something about the gen-eration which attends these meetings, that it illuminates the instinctive human appreclation of peace and quiet and, above all, that it articulates the undiminable sense of community which survives in all of us in spite of all the assaults to which it is subjected.

It is undoubtedly strange

that after half a century in which our people have not been engaged in a European war, the impulse to partici-pate in remembrance should Last Monday's 10.30 started late as usual. The inquest into strange it may be it is also true. The era in which such depicted as merely rightwing, nationalistic and private to those who had fought has long gone. The instinct to share these memories is now much wider.

It goes without saying that for many people in Britain such remembrance remains bound up with a nostalgic sense of the end of national greatness and certainty. For some these November ceremonies are, of course, a defiant affirmation of lost power. And they cannot also fail to contribute a meaning within the irresistible public debate about British identity, the stability of our institutions and our place in Europe.

But we also take part in these events because in various ways they continue to affirm something important about a shared past, a common inherited memory and a collective present. They speak of the pain of the 20th century. They have become a witness against the banality of so much else in public life. That is why the remembrance rituals are infinitely more meaningful than, say, the Trooping of the Colour or even the State Opening of

Parliament. The two minutes is only a gesture. But its existence and in particular its revival
in a particular its revival
is nothing less than a popular triumph against the odds.
It calls to mind Philip Larkin's wonderful phrase about the person who is forever surprising a hunger in himself to be more serious. Only this cynical and opinionated crew time it is not a person who is surprising himself, but a participate without awkwardness. Doubtless there will be this newspaper.

# **How BBC** drama is being neutered

Aian Plater knows a bit about the world of plays for TV and radio, and he's convinced that the Birtian BBC-management revolution is making that world a hard and deeply depressing if sometimes laughable - place

Guardian from the Writers' Guild of Great Britain and filed it under PW for Predictable Whinge. It has happened before, during the Strange Case of the Disappearing Script Unit and The Inexplica-ble Affair of Extending Choice, and it will no doubt happen again. Our problem, as writers, is

that we ask ally questions like: why, if they are called reforms, do they always make things worse? The Health Service, state education, public transport and a huge range of public institutions have all been reformed to Hell and back during the last 15 years and we are still being assured that the improvements win that the improvements will begin to bite in the next week

The signatories to the Guild's letter on Wednesday are, in a busy world, the names that could be rounded up at short notice. They include Alan Ayckbourn, Ray Galton, Harold Pinter, Jimmy Perry, Jack Rosenthal, Willy Russell and Victoria Wood: whichever way you analyse it, a motley lot with very little in common except their reluc-tance to go out to a proper job every day and, I would sug-gest, the quality once defined as the prerequisite for the professional writer — a built-

in shit detector. We sniff the latest garland of reforms — the pretence that radio and television are essentially the same; the parallel pretence that commissioning and editorial responsibilities are essentially different; the 250 promises to the voters; and, as an elephan-tine PS, the BBC's new Producers' Guidelines, 300 pages of commandments on how to achieve "the highest editorial and ethical standards in programme-making" or, in non-reformist English, how to clean up the act. We recognise that smell and it's an even

bigger cartload than usual The officially stated aim is to make the BBC more effiducer, co-producer, associate producer, director, script edi-tor, departmental head, pro-gramme controller and the cient: leaner and fitter, ready for the digital millennium.

HE SPIN doctors at BBC Television Centre will, no doubt, have spotted another letter to the an from the Writers' of Great Britain and under PW for Predict verted church hall in Dickenburge It has beginned to the delivered alpht. son Road he delivered eight plays a year to the network, at a time when BBC and ITV, between them, transmitted about 300 plays a year. Today, with four terrestrial chan-nels, the total is probably less than 50.

The great Alfred Bradley performed a similar function in radio drama, working in Leeds. He and Vivian were both technically responsible on with it rather than have endless meetings that might interrupt valuable production and drinking time, in either order. Vivian had served his time in radio but loved television even more. Alfred hated television and resisted many television and resisted many attempts to bribe him across the border. The notion of either of these gifted men as heads of a hi-medial department is ludicrous. And, for that matter, can anyone imagine an ugiler word than "himedial" even in the mighty annals of management jargon? The image that comes to mind is of a coalman learning in drive a milk float only to to drive a milk float only to discover the coalmine is closed and the cow has been

In the 60s, the average jour-ney time for a play, radio or television, from desk to audience, was about three months. In Z Cars days, we whittled it

people standing between the words and the screen: pro-



Moving on to the 250 promises, I cannot tell a lie. I haven't read them; I'm still trying to finish Extending Choics. I freely acknowledge that these promises have been made because Virginia Bottomley requested something of the sort from the Corporation; a mission statement, no less. But what hannens next? less. But what happens next? Will writers have to learn the promises and recite them be-

Each script is sent to the Head of Something in London

Presumably when the BBC agreed to do the series, some one read the books. It should fore work every day like we one read the books. It should used to at pack meetings therefore have been no sur-

(I've christened him the Head of Buggery and Blasphemy) days, you wait six weeks for someone to return a phone call, and once you embark on the writing process, there will be a long line of important people standing between the mandments. In my dreams I have the standing between the mandments in my dreams I have the standing promise.

hear a jazz musician saying for BBCI where fuck is forbidden, unless you are Billy Consists you've got there, Birt baby."

A good deal of the public The first series went out A good deal of the public debate has been concerned with sex, violence and language, and it might illuminate the discussion if I reveal million and the first episode The flaw is that 30 years ago, when I started working in radio and television, the BBC whom more later. Yet, we are assured, the BBC is now more efficient than it is now. I can prove it anecdotally, and given a team of highly pald City accountants, I could prove it statistically too.

I wrote my first television

I gramme controller and the man in charge of swearing, of debate has been concerned with sex, violence and language, and it might illuminate the discussion if I reveal how the latter problem is currently dealt with on the shop floor. My most recent work always cost more than one.

I wrote my first television

nobody communicated any of this directly to the writers --Malcolm Bradbury and my-self — and we only know what

memo to the production office with alternatives where he feels the sensibilities of the nation might be at risk.
Delete "wankers" — insert
"tossers"; delete "Jesus
Christ" — insert "bloody
hell"; delete "cobblers" — in-

this is the moment. In the dame course of negotiations over an episode. I mounted a stout defence of the work "pillock" | Alan Plater 1996

controlling the means of dis-tribution. What the BBC still has is a production capacity, a talent base and more resid-Malcount self — and we only know we self — and we only know we self — and we only know we read in the papers.

We are now in production with a second series and there is a procedure. Each script is from Equity and the Musicians' Union, fought a totally uncompromising battle on behalf of the Corporation when mingham to the Head of Something in London (I've christened him the Head of Buggery and Blasphemy) with all the swear-words highlighted. He then sends a highlighted. He then sends a many to the prejustion officer. native promise? We, the BBC, will honour the central prin-

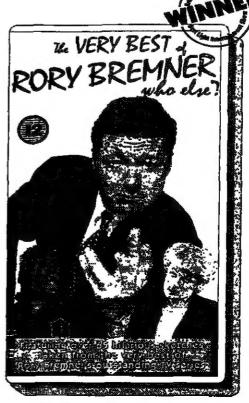
will honour the central prin-ciple of public broadcasting by making programmes which place the needs of the audience first. We will do so by trusting the imagination of the programme-makers and the imagination of the audisert "crap"; and so on.

Hand on heart, none of this ence in the sure and certain is invented. I have always knowledge that in the long wanted to leak a memo and run nothing else matters a



YHIS WEEK'S oppayint, Alan Pizter, trained as an architest before becoming a full-time writer in 1960, His television work has ranged from Z Car. and Barobester Chronicles to A Yery British
Coup and The Beiderbecke Trilogy; his awards
include Baftas, an Entry, the RTS Writer's
Award and the Golden Fleece of Georgis. He has

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## Greek stock may lead to a new dawn

The Delta affair may be good news for more open share dealing in the future. JOHN HOOPER investigates

liberalising of commissions

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tion to safeguard the bours from future crises. as one of the safer emerging markets Sources close to the market said the firm's default was linked to the abrupt rise and took a ravaging this en a brokers' boycott week when a brokers boych kept the Athens stock ex-change closed until Wednes-day. Normal dealing did not resume until the following day, when share prices fall of shares in a textiles company, Magrizos. Several other brokerages have been accused in the local media of conspiring to drive up prices by means of bogus trades, "selling short" the shares at artificially inflated prices and dropped smartly, ending the session an average of 3.3 per then buying the equity to cover the short position once the price had fallen back. The Athens bourse has

been trading for 120 years. But the crists which rocked it this week drew attention to failings more in keeping with

It erupted when one of Greece's 65 broking houses, Delta Securities, tried to pay the clearing house with bad cheques to the tune of 2.6 billion drachmas (28.4 million). Three Delta executives have been charged with fraud country. The firm's assets have been frozen and its of-

But as accusations flew that the debts arose from a price manipulation ploy that had backfired, the clearing house refused to pay several other brokerages. Other dealers claim at least seven firms, including several controlled by state-owned banks, were

caught up in the Delta affair.
"This scandal has dealt a serious blow to the market's credibility and it will not be restored until those at fault are punished," said Panaylo-tis Kondalexis, president of the Association of Athens Stock Exchange Members.

The opposition accused Greece's Socialist government, which initially tried to wash its hands of the affair, of a cover up. But on Tuesday night, the National Economy Minister, Yannos Papandon-iou, ordered an audit of 10 brokerages, promised that the state-run clearing house would meet part of Delta's

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Minister seeks link-up on defence

# market crisis Rühe sets out his battle plan.

David Gow in Bonn

ICK Evans, chief executive of Brit-Aerospace, would be de-lighted if he could listen into Volker Rühe, German defence minister, in full flood about his vision of a truly multinational, pan-European defence industry in 10 years' time.

Mr Rühe, a pro-European who likes to proclaim his At-lanticist commitment — most notably to Nato — shares Evans' view that, maybe, early in the new millennium there will be a single European firm producing the required civilian and military hardware and software for The German defence minis-

ter, a passionate Anglophile, personal friend of Hong Kong

tillo, believes European defence firms have to go way beyond the current phase of specific joint ventures and

tie-ups.
"Either there's a European defence industry or there's no defence industry," he said in an interview in Bonn this week. So far, there were national defence industries which had begun to integrate and co-operate, but there were very big national egos to overcome. He finds it incredible, for

ning three separate fighter jets: Eurofighter, the joint British-German-Italian-Spanish project; Rafale, the French design; and Grippen, the

instance, that Europe is plan-

governor Chris Patten and sortium's plans to turn my and the defence industry. countries would be well-nel because of the need to amused observer of his Brit-lish counterpart Michael Porself-standing company within self-standing company within linely likely, guaranteeing up arms project — Germany, for linevitably, the creation of self-standing company within a few years. "There should be only one European frigate and one European tank," he

> over procuring, let alone in nancing, the £42 billion Eurofighter project for 620 aircraft at a time of severe budgetary pressure and transformed international relations indicates the gap between inten-tion and implementation.

Britain wanted to proceed by 1997 with start-up produc-tion, and has said it will order 232 aircraft. There are growing signs that even a cashstrapped Germany will, early next year, order 180 aircraft. But it still requires a medium-term financing deal to be thrashed out between Mr Ruhe's defence ministry,

ingly likely, guaranteeing up to 100,000 British jobs.

But Mr Rühe, partly because he is a geo-political strategist rather than a businessman, is reluctant to discuss in detail how single European defence firms would be forged and shaped. Be is also unclear whether they should form in effect European-based monopolies that would compete for procurement contracts. whether they should face intra-European competition. Or indeed whether there

should be some mechanism for emforcing a "buy Euro-That will be up to commer-cial markets, but politicians can give what he calls "Europeanisation" within the glob-alisation of industry and serLeopard 2 tank. in America, he pointed out,

they have one US tank, not a Louisiana tank. He thinks that in Europe, Germany is best in the field of tanks, and others elsewhere. So you would have leading producer-nations, but not designated by politicians' decisions. Mr Rûhe, fervently

Nato but for an expanded ailiance with a stronger European pillar, even envisages the new pan-European firms of the near future engaged in joint ventures with erstwhile American rivals.

This is not always undersmiling. The Americans were more ready for a two-way street than was understood on

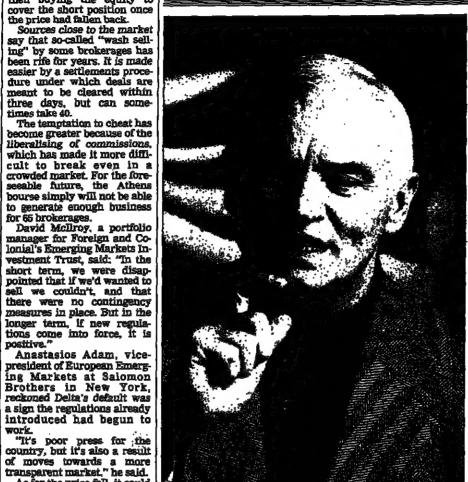
mean even more savage job-cuts. Mr Rühe pointed out that he is not a employment minister but that without European integration. would be no jobs at all.

As a Hamburg deputy, Mr Rûhe is aware of the importance of lobs. But, just as he sees integration spurred by globalisation, so does he proclaim the need for German firms to face the new international division of labour. All, however, is not lost. Deimler-Benz, in his Ham-burg homeland, he says, has already made far-reaching changes to working practices

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## Suits of silk to seduce the stylish

**Hugo Boss brings** up-market line to Britain, reports **JULIA GIERTZ** 

ASTE, curiosity and a passion for cloth are vital prerequisites for any fashion designer, and Werner Baldessarini, depaty chief executive of men's fashion supplier Hugo Boss, has all three. Caressing a dark pink cashmere jacket — a best-saller last winter and part of the line named after him — he mumbles: "It is hard to imagine an improvement

pany's creative director, acquired his own label in 1993. The company, controlled by the Italian textile for has to be able to con- guished gentleman who en- | back his impressions to the group Marzotto, launched wo new lines alongside the traditional Hugo Boss brand: Baldessarini for the quality-oriented conserva-tive market and Hugo for

young, daring men. Although all over Europe consumers have less money in their pockets, the luxury brand is popular. Last year's sales rose by 57 per cent to DM 13.5 million (£5.4 nmillion), contributing 1.5 per cent to the overall turnover of DM900 million. While Hugo was a big success with British men, the UK is as yet unconquered by Raldessarini, "If we find a competent partner, who understands the philosophy of our product, Baldessarini could already be on the shelves next year," ex Baldessarini.



Wintry ambition . . . What Hugo Boss wants British men to wear next winter

vince people to pay 2600 for an Baldessarini suit, almost 50 per cent more than for one with a Hugo Boss label. But Mr Baldessarini is confident that consumers will go for quality. "Medi-ocrity has a problem today. People have a feeling for values and understand that

good clothes are cheaper in the long run."

The UK, with a DM34 mil-lion sales last year, is the third important foreign market for Boss after the US and France.

Baldessarini suits do not look expensive, but a small thread at the shoulder of the jacket signals the de-tailed hand work that goes into them. Understatement is the trademark of the brand — and the man. As a ear," explains Mr designer he is focusing not caldessarini.

The trader he is looking sear" but on the distin-

joys nice things quietly. Mr Baldessarini, who has Italian ancestors, grew up with fabrics all around him. His parents had a hab erdashery in Munich, which their son was ex-

pected to inherit. His first step on the career ladder was being chosen as head of the famous Munich men's fashion store, Wagenheimer. There he was spotted by Uwe Holy, grandson of the firm's founder Hugo Boss, who brought him to Suebia in southern Germany, Hugo Boss ever since

As chief designer his main task is to spend up to DM250 million a year on material. Mr Baldessarini seeks inspiration in the world's leading cities and their street fashion. He travels widely and brings

Boss headquarters in Mettegrate bits of it into his own creations.

Mr Baldessarini's motto for next year's summer collection is "romantic with a dash of eroticism". The materials for the collection will be shot silk and cotton mixed with silk. The colours will be blue, green and burgundy against black. Expect tight trousers with loud checks. Casual loose-fitting suits are out. slim silhouettes are in. Boss snits will focus on shoulders, waist and bot-tom. Mr Baldessarini forecasts.

But portly men need not fear. Mr Baldessarini sees covering insufficiencies: "If somebody does not look like Richard Gere we help a

## Italy's IRI faces debt nightmare

OUNDED under fascism and charged with the rescue of Italy's depression-struck industrial and banking systems, Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale (IRI) is now being nicknamed Istituto dei Ruderi Industriali,

This week that definition took on new weight. During a visit to Brussels, treasury minister Carlo Ciampi announced that IRI's most profitable com-panies would be removed from it, or sold. This will leave the IRI group holding the strug-gling Alitalia, money-losing construction outfits and state broadcaster Rai. "IRI's mission

as a public sector holding com-pany for firms operating in a state-sanctioned monopoly has reached the end." Mr Clampi a six-month extension. IRI's said. This a heavy blow to a group that once was the key player in Italy's economy.

The centrepiece of the operation is to be the transfer of the telecoms holding company,

Stet, to the Treasury. The Treasury will take over IRFs debts equivalent to Stet's value. Stet will be merged with Telecom Italia, and privatised. Added to that, IRI has been told to sell off motorway company Autostrade Spa and Fin-mare, a shipping concern.

This will help head off a run-in with the European Commis-sion over state aid to industry. In 1993 the Italian government and the Commission agreed

status as a Treasury-owned company gives its companies access to special rates, distort-ing competition. Anti-privatisation lobbies

have blocked legislation, and IRI's financial position has grown dire. Telecom Italia and mobile concern TIM were to have been sold next March. It will now happen in autumn

of debt remains, with no income to pay it. And Italy's broken promises are costing credibility. In September Romewas guaranteeing that Stet would be privatised by spring 1997. Instead, the other day I was told it couldn't be done fore the autumn." Karel Van

Removing Stet will reduce the 23.5 trillion lire of debt to

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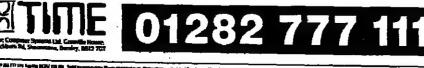
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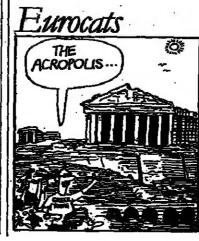
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# 'Fat cats' in Labour sights

## Inflation could still spoil it all

Chris Barrie and

ABOUR yesterday served notice on the privatised industries and the Gov-ernment that it will not back down on plans to levy a windfall tax and that exposing fat cat payments to utility industry executives will be high on the party's

The Opposition hardened its stand against the pay bo-nanza for some company executives after revelations in the Guardian that a small number of senior managers from the privatised electricity

Rover

to build

£400m

engine

OVER will invest £400 million in a new greenfield engine plant in a move that will secure up to 6,500 jobs in the West Midlands but spells cuts in the huge Longbridge plant nearby.

plant nearby.

The investment, agreed

by Rover's parent company BMW, was finalised on

Thursday night, after five

months of negotiation with

the Government, when

tary Ian Long stepped into the talks by offering "a lit-tle more money" to BMW

chairman Bernd Pischets-

The Government is con-tributing \$22.5 million in

regional selective assis-

tance and as much again in

indirect help towards training costs and infrastruc-

ture development. The aid

will affect key West Mid-lands constituencies, was welcomed by the Prime

Minister, who said inves-tors were attracted by the

Attacking the European working-time directive,

which lays down a 48-hour

maximum working week, Mr Major warned: "Other

measures which would fol-

low it would damage that

competitiveness and reduce

the chance of such invest-

ments in future."

The new plant will be op-

erational by the beginning

of next century. It will sup-ply both Rover and BMW,

European Commission. The investment, which

plant

condemned the huge pay-ments in share options and as compensation for loss of office, Labour said it would use this latest evidence of corporate excess to attack Government complacency and pro-mote vigorously its plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities.

The Guardian's analysis was based on compensation payments made to executives following last year's takeovers of Eastern Group, Norweb. Seeboard, South Wales Electricity, and Manweb.
Lack Jones president of the Jack Jones, president of the National Pensioners Conventhe elderly.

Swift reaction came, too,

from employee representa-tives. Mike Jeram, head of energy at the union, Unison, said: "Coming in a week when we learn that 1,000 jobs are to go in Norweb Retail, affecting mainly low-paid women, it shows the vast gulf between the haves and the have nots in the electricity industry.

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million from recent takeovers and mergers.

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Condemned the humans of the distance of the condemned the humans of the condemned the condemned the humans of the condemned the co fund a jobs programme for the many."

Brian Wilson, Labour's campaigns organiser, condemned ministers' protesta-tions about the utilities' in-ability to afford the windfall tax. "They will sound even more hollow after these reve-lations." And he attacked the Prime Minister for wielding little influence over his greed-Alan Milburn, a senior iest supporters. "On innumerable of Labour's Treasury team, last night warned that the public would be disgnsted by the scale of the telephone relaying and his stern voice to say how much he disapproves of fat cat behaviour and they just cat behaviour and they just carry on ignoring him."

were a matter for the direc tors concerned, he said. The payouts were "entirely sepa-rate" to decisions made by his department on whether to allow further takeovers in the

power industry.
Although some utilities are replacing controversial share recommendations on executive pay by the CBI-sponsored Greenbury committee, new long-term incentive plans (LTIPs) are likely to prove even more lucrative for utility company directors.

Insurers, representing insti-tutional investors who own one in three of all shares, said share options were not an ap-propriate system of reward for newly privatised concerns such as the regional electric

try companies.

Meanwhile, United Utilities came to the defence of forme option schemes, following Norweb chairman, Ken Har vey. The company denied his salary had been increased substantially, stating that his remimeration of £610,248 included a £407,300 payment for loss of office. This means Mr Harvey's earnings were about £2.47 million, including pen-sion payments and potential profits from share options.

As for the underlying picture, there will be no serious surprises for those who recogtoo cheaply.

Alex Brummer

cent since August, and this sharp climb is the most unexpected economic development this year. But what is welcomed by holiday-makers, and by those politicians who believe that the pound's strength is a symbol of economic virility, is also a cause of some distress to cause of some distress to industrialists.

Like so many of the postwar upswings in Britain's economic cycle, this one has been built on a strong export performance in the wake of a devaluation.

It can be argued that the authorities, by recently increas-ing the base rate to 6 per cent, have not helped themselves to deal with the problems aristhat has done, the argument runs, is widen the differen-tials between interest rates here and among our main trading partners, pushing sterling even higher and raising expectations of further hikes to come.

But it is not the pound that

the authorities are monitoring. The view on Threadnee-dle Street is that the only thing that matters is — as the Americans might say — do-mestic demand, stupid. It is in the housing market, in the market for consumer credit and on the high street that the danger signals have been seen. So the Bank of England and for that matter the Halifax — have moved to calm down the excitement.

The authorities believe they have no choice, despite the firmness of sterling. The strength of the pound is due to temporary factors, like the blip in the oil price, whereas there is danger that inflation, running at twice European levels, could become entrenched. Of course, it would be better if sterling were lower. But cutting rates, or taking foreign currency into the reserves, would only pour fuel on domestic demand.

ever, the possibility of jaw-boning the pound down ... perhaps with the help of the G7. That can work, as the dollar revival demonstrates.

#### Railway riches

XECUTIVES of Rail-track will be watching the renewed debate over pay in the privatised utilities with particular interest. In the six months since the company's partiy-paid shares were issued at 190p, the shares have climbed 69 per cent to 323.5p, where it is al-ready above the level at which their share options can be exercised.

Moreover, the better-than-expected profits performance — up 77 per cent in the first period as a public company — augurs extremely well for the profit-related share option scheme which, if targets are exceeded over a three-year period, could eventually genup to five times those put aside. It could prove a difficult problem for the remuner-ation committee, headed by would-be Tory grandee Archie Norman of Asda — unless he quietly moves off.

nised that the Government. lesperate to plug the holes in the public finances before the election, disposed of Railtrack Profits, before property gains, climbed to £150 million

from £89 million, although a great chunk of this can be at-tributed to the lower interest charge of £19 million against £62 million. Much of Rail-track's debt was cleared ahead of privatisation, to ensure the newly-quoted group had sufficient resources to embark on an extensive modernisation programme of the track network.

The great unknown in the Railtrack float was always go-ing to be the property portfolio, with the suspicion that the development opportunities at key stations, including St Pancras, was as valuable as the operating company itself. Investors will not be disappointed: one-time gains were mercial property on an up-swing in yields and values there should be plenty to come from this source.

#### Lloyd's clean-up

OW that Lloyd's of London has ditched its ghastly past, it is sensibly thinking about its future prospects. While the insurance market has been digging its way out from under the £8 billion losses of 1988-92 and the unfortunate consequences of unlimited liability among Names, its competitive position vis-a-vis insurance markets in Swit-zerland, Munich in Germany and North America has been damaged and the historic brand value of the Lloyd's name eroded.

Restoration is not necessar ilv an impossible task: great financial names can bounce back from the dead as the Barings part of ING (twice dead and twice revived) has demonstrated.

It is to this end that Lloyd's has set about a major revamp of the way the Corporation, which provides the market with its main central ser-vices. In the past, it has been notoriously inefficient. Anyone who tracked the Corpora tion's forecasting record, compared to that of shadow would be acutely aware of the qualitative problems.

But it is not just forecast-ing, serious as that is, which has failed. The market has suffered from a lack of trans-parency in its costs, billing arrangements and profits, all of which has added to the air of mystique surrounding ac-tivity inside the smoked glass

This will be particularly important in the US market, still Lloyd's most significant, which in future is to be run through a new New York office with direct links to regulators and markets. Inevitably, such reoganisations — which these days focus on better IT — will result in a slimmer Lloyd's and one which, like the Stock Exchange, will

There is still one area which the new Lloyd's has to address fully: regulation. The guard and the Government to take this by the horns and appoint an outside regulator is among the reasons that Peter Middleton, architect of much of the revamping, left so hur plank of reform cannot be put in place until there is a new Lloyd's Act.

## City fraud claim 'left life in ruins'

of breakdown after £4m swindle at merchant bank

Dan Atkinson

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NE OF three people accused of the £4 million telex fraud at merchant bank Lazard Brothers has told how her life was destroyed by the police inquiry into the swindle. "I lost everything I lost my good name," Dorothy Willis said.

Cleared of involvement in the crima Mrs Willis, aged 60, was made redundant by Lazards, with her two colleagues, and suffered a nervous breakdown. Lazards provided psychiatric counselling, but none of the three has worked in the City since.

During three gruelling in-terrogations, police asked Mrs Willis who she was sleeping with. Mrs Willis had been widowed a year earlier. She was further threatened with being "locked up" should she divulge information about the fraud to others.

Mrs Willis, of liford, Essex.

had worked for Lazards for 14 years. She became "a screaming wreck of her former self",

according to a friend.
Another telex operator, Jacqueline Tomlinson, was the crime, but the case collapsed last week when the Crown case was torpedoed by evidence of slack security at charged with taking part in

Telex operator tells | Lazards. This laxity meant any number of people could have been responsible. Mrs Willis's ordeal began

jobs will be secured in sup-

plier companies.
But the investment means that Longbridge,

making 340,000 engines a year with 6,000 people, will

see its output decline.
Rover chief executive

Walter Hasselkus said the company did not intend to

balt engine output from Tony Woodley, national by both Rover and BMW. Longbridge altogether, but secretary of the Transport making 500,000 1.6- and two acknowledged that there and General Workers

on September 22, 1992. At about 5.17pm, two forged telexes were transmitted to banks in Zurich and Frankfurt falsely authorising the payment of more than £4 million. Mrs Willis and Miss Tomlinson were on duty in the telex room that afternoon. The third telex operator, Brian Brown, had left earlier, but returned briefly at about 3.20pm and again at 5.30pm. Mrs Willis had left the office at 4.40pm to buy a loaf of bread and she clocked back on to her machine at 5.03pm. A month earlier, the system for testing telexes to ensure their validity had been changed so as to break the link between one operator and an individual telex. Previously it would have been impossible to carry out the fraud without identifying the perpetrator. In addition, key jobs — including that of internal anditor, head of personnel and head of the testing de-

partment — had changed hands in previous months. Lazards initially ignored a warning message on September 23 from one of the correspondent banks. It was not until September 25 that the bank realised it had been defrauded.

Mrs Willis was interviewed "in the most brutal manner"

#### **CBI presses** dilute its training plan

1,500 work force. Some 5,000 | replace its existing K-series

Richard Thomas cs Corresp

BUSINESS leaders are mounting a behind the scenes campaign aimed at forcing Labour to dilute its commitment to link collective bargaining with training pro-vision in the workplace.

Although company direc-tors have welcomed the Opposition's abandonment of a compulsory training levy, CBI officials are concerned that trade union legislation will be used as a "back door" influence on firms. One CBI policy-maker said: We are in talks with Labour

about this. They have gone a long way to meet our con-cerns, but this is something which still worries business He said that the CBi would exert only discreet pressure on the front bench, because seen as undermining the employers' group's politically But Labour front-benchers

said employers must be encouraged to provide training provision, pointing to the CBI's regional trends survey – published yesterday – which showed that companies in the industrial heartlands were suifering a skills

shortage. Stephen Byers, Labour em-"in the most brutal manuer by police in early October. She was suspended on November 10 by Lazards and on working hours—is a recognition of the importance training holds for New Labour."

The most brutal manuer the four compulsory elements be affairs. TTC, India's biggest and suspicions about them, lemployees have made a purple of allegations it illegally transferred money abroad and booked fake profits.

## Leaves-on-line action as Railtrack shares surge

Keith Harper Transport Editor

CHARES in Railtrack surged more than 10 per cent yesterday after it surprised the stock market with better than expected profits and an-

BMW to name the cars to be

built at Longbridge. Dr Hasselkus said labour

costs had been a reason for

locating the new plant in the UK rather than the

main alternative, at Steyr in Austria. The group could

share next February.

A good initial performance | ality dipped. He admitted that was always expected because | bad weather could have the Government wrote off the industry's £1.2 billion debt before privatisation and sold Railtrack for £1.9 billion, a third of its value. The company promised to

sion to invest in a new en-

gine plant with US company Chrysler. Engines

from this factory will be

ment for the Mini, which is

under development.

It is hardly surprising

in Austria. The group could have received more aid that BMW chose the UK for have received more aid elsewhere, but opted for its new engine factory rather than locating it in the best long-term strate rather than locating it in the compared with £24 in the compared with £25 in the compared with

imported for the replace

make sure disruption caused by bad weather was mini-mised. Over the winter, tests tackling leaves-on-the-line to remove leaves from the line more effectively are to delays.

The announcement that Railtrack made £172 million pre-tax profits in its first six speed water spray developed

were less reliable and punctu- privatisation."

"quite serious" conse-quences, and Railtrack had to prepare contingency plans.
In an upbest approach to the accounts, Mr Edmonds claimed a 30 per cent perfor-mance improvement in pas-senger services compared to the same period last year, a figure already being ques-tioned by one rail watchdog.

Germany's industry body the VDA, recently published

a study showing that, in comparison with other in-dustrialised countries, Ger-

many is "world champion in

all the wrong disciplines", whereas the UK is often

leading the pack.
For example, labour costs in Britain average \$10 an hour, compared with £24 in

Asked what would happen if Labour won the election, Mr Edmonds said that Railmonths as a private company on European railways.

John Edmonds, Railtrack's policy was the same as a private company on European railways.

John Edmonds, Railtrack's Labour's: "We want to carry more passengers and freight. We don't want to re-visit the performance when services state arguments about private and interim dividend of 7.3p a performance when services state arguments about private and interim dividend of 7.3p a performance when services state arguments about private and interim dividend of 7.3p a performance when services are recommended in the company of t

## BAT 'knew of exchange abuses'

AT Industries, the tobacco and financial services combine, admitted yesterday that it had more than a year ago.

torate, an arm of the finance ministry, has raided the homes of present and former ITC executives in connection with the allegations. The di-rectorate's deputy director. been aware of possible for-eign exchange violations by fTC, its Indian subsidiary, the alleged violations. But BAT - which is ex-BAT, which owns a 31 per pected to take a controlling cent stake in ITC, said it had stake in ITC once the row has

ployment spokesman, said:
"The inclusion of training in the four compulsory elements of collective agreements—along with pay, holidays and working hours—is a recognition of the importance train.

warned TPC's disgraced for died down—said last night that it was not involved in any way. Michael Prideaux, BAT's spokesman, said: "We had suspicious about them, and had brought them to the board's attention but Man

India's enforcement direc- | with us. But the idea that we withheld information is utterly untrue.' ITC is unlikely to replace any of its senior officials until after its interim results are published later this month.

If ITC is found guilty of the alleged offences, it could be fined up to 17.5 billion rupees (£296 million), making it vul-nerable to a full takeover by BAT. Mr Prideaux said last night that BAT had already held discussions with ITC's institutional shareholders.

#### Brussels puts BT bid for MCI on fast track

Nicholas Bannister

BRITISH Telecom appears to have cleared the first hurdle in its £12 billion bid for MCI, with the European Commission indicating it will examine the bid under its one-stop shop merger rules.
Karel Van Miert, the
competition commissioner,
suggested that he would be

able to examine the takeover under fast-track then revert to the standard merger rules, which variable rate for the remain-require a final decision der of the 25-year term. within five months. He said that, after an analysis of MCI's turnover,

it was "pretty clear" the case would be handled by the European authorities. BT and MCI wanted the fast-track route rather than an investigation handled by the UK authorities or conducted under the more

complex European fairtrading regulations.

MCI had to have an EU turnover of more than 250 million ecu (£192 mil-

#### Mortgage lenders seek ad changes

Richard Miles

ORTGAGE lenders yes-terday called on the Government to change the rules on home loan advertisements the practice of promoting cut-price mortgages at their discounted rates.

Most building societies offer low-cost mortgages with heavily discounted interest rates for a short period. These

But two judges in the High Court ruled earlier this week that Scarborough Building Society had misled borrowers by advertising one of its mortgages as though the initial 1 to the full term. Michael Coogan of the

Council of Mortgage Lenders said this "widespread prac-tice" was forced on building societies by earlier court judgments. "This is a good ex-ample of how legislation de-signed to help consumers can fail to meet that objection." lion) to qualify for the fast- fail to meet that objective." he



Hands on . . . Ian Lang, left, and Walter Hasselkus make an under-the-bonnet inspection yesterday

engine range with a new unit. Longbridge engine workers will be offered

transfers to the new site, at Hams Hall, and to car as-

The company has already announced it will invest in

new car assembly opera-tions at Longbridge.

sembly plants.

litre engines a year with a was no commitment yet to Union, welcomed the ingo some way towards off-1,500 work force. Some 5,000 | replace its existing K-series | vestment but called on | setting BMW's recent deci-

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## Voters face a cocktail of austerity and job losses



**Brazil is grappling with the** Real problems, reports MARK MILNER in Sao Paulo

vita, boss of Brazil's leading media group, about the challenges facing his country: "Our problems are simple — big but simple."

More than 3,300 miles sepe-umbl district. from Porte Allegre in the south; the western city of Rio Branco is a similar distance from Recife in the east. The state of Sao Paulo has a bigger economy than that of Ar-

But simple? Hardly, Even the most cursory glance shows the country has what one economist, with considerable understatement, de

prehensible urban sprawl, where tower blocks jumble in can see and the roads are gridlocked from dawn to dusk, sharty towns cower in the shadow of gleaming mod-

ern skyscrapers.
The homeless huddle in doorways. The rich hide behind iron bars and security

away from Sao Paulo's chaotic dynamism lies the country's capital, Brasilia: Oscar masterpiece of Stalinist steril-ity. There the government of Fernando Henrique Cardosa is attempting to tackle Bra-zil's ills by reforming an economy crippled by decades of in-flation and protectionism.

Since the introduction of

month, it has now (just) fallen to an annual rate which is

(just) in single figures. That, according to finance minister Pedro Malan, has already brought benefits to has meant a big boost to their purchasing power. Industrial-ists report that it has also

Confidence in the government's aconomic management has brought an increase Scholarly minister aign exchange reserves have climbed to almost \$60 billion hedges bets on

The Real plan managed to weather the Tequila surprise — the capital flight from Mex-ico which then spread south — although that was achieved the Real plan — which pegged at the cost of even higher intribution" among its the new currency against the terest rates and an, albeit life million inhabitants.

In Sac Paulo's barely com- tumbled. Once 50 per cent a the foreign reserves.

For them growth —3 per cent this year and around 4.5 per cent next — is too low. "We could do better, my 6 per coul. but after that we need a faster growth rate." reckons Afonso Pastore, a former governor of Brazil's central bank. Nor is the growth uniform.

ing life. Dr. Malan, however, is

nance: a key player in pres-

long addiction to inflation and on to the path of sus-

tainable economic growth.

And it is a gambling met-

aphor on which Dr Malan — he has a PhD in econom-

ics from Berkeley, Califor

nia — draws when he talks

of the government's progress in tackling the eco-nomic challenges it faces. Two-and a-half years ago

when the Cardosa adminis-tration launched its Real

new currency which forms a central plank of the pro-gramme — inflation was

running at 30 per cent a month. Wage indexation, linked to historic levels of inflation, ensured a centra-

nation of the savage price

spiral. Today wholesale price inflation is running at just under 10 per cent a year and is forecast to fall

Blieves the government has won its first bet

by bringing down inflation to single figures for the first time in four decades,

he is more cautious about

the second part of the

strategy.
"We are still playing the cards, we are still at the

table. It will be some years

before we will be able to ex-

press, with a high degree of

confidence, that we have been able to create the con-

ditions for sustainable

to 8 per cent in 1997.

ich Dr Malan

inflation gamble

deficit is being made up by the flow of foreign funds. tracted by Brazil's high interest rates. Hopes, therefore,

Public sector debt is around 35 per cent of gross domestic national standards but Dr Malan says: "I don't derive much satisfaction from that." Small wonder, when inter-est rates are 24 per cent and the average maturity of the

debt is only seven months.

Reducing the burden will not be easy.

The government is facing conflicting pressures. Indus-trialists are pressing for a reduction in indirect employment costs, which can amount to two-thirds of the direct wage bill. "That's why everyone is asking for fiscal reform," says Rene Campanha, general manager of Walita, the Brazilian subsid-

iary of the Philips electronics On the other hand, the federal government in Brasilia municipal authorities to trim their spending. According to Dr Malan, some are spending 100 per cent of their revenue

on wages alone.

Cutting spending means cutting jobs — at a time when the same as a maverick, clearly has no reason to want to help

Public sector debt may be relatively low but interest rates run at 24 per cent

Sac Paulo appear likely to ment to stabilisation. The elect Celso Pitta as their combination of slow growth mayor — he took 48 per cent and low inflation may frustite be the Cordent trate domestic critics but it which saw the Cardosa camp's candidate eliminated. Mr Pitta is a close ally of Paulo Maluf, the man who is most likely to stand as the right-wing Partido Progres-sista Brasiliero's candidate in the next presidential election,

in two years' time.

tion and

may get his investors are likely to hope so, As and the average maturity of loans is seven months

> will help keep investment flowing in from abroad.
>
> If Mr Cardosa fails to get his way on constitutional change, Brazil will, at best face a period of protracted un-

certainty. observer, it could open the door, dangerously, to a populist president.
Could be mean Mr Maluf?

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DEDRO MALAN does not look like a gambler. Pipe-smoking and bespectacled, he protor debt down to a manage-able level." All this without going soft on inflation.

bler. Pipe-smoking and bespectacled, he projects the image of the career civil servant he has been for much of his work-Progress is being made. Growth this year is ex-pected to be 3 per cent — down on 1995 — but is forenow Brazil's minister of ficast to climb to 4.5 per cent next year. That might not look too spectacular for a Cardosa's attempt to wean the country off its decadesdeveloping economy, but Dr Malan points out that it will mean the Brazilian economy will have grown by 30 per cent in real terms in five years.

> S TO the public fi-Anances, deals have been struck with a number of Brazil's power states to help trim their spending. A wage freeze has been imposed, on civil servants. Privatisation is helping, though critics suggest the administration could move faster.

Dr Malan is adament that there is no lack of political will Public money, he says, should be spent on health running steel and petro-chemical plants".

Certainly cuts in the debt burden are needed: Brazil's public sector debt may not look high at 35 per cent of gross domestic product many European countries are struggling to meet the Maastricht criterion of 60 per cent — but interest rates are high and maturities short.

"We are not underestimating the magnitude of the challenge. But we are changing the agenda and it will be very hard to depart from the broad outlines of that agenda — not because it is ours, but because it is what the majority of Brazil-

'It will be very hard to depart from:

#### Quick Crossword No. 8285





1 A parachutist pulls it (7) 8 Drain totally (7) 9 Common British bird (4,3)

10 Set aside or book (7) 11 Place for books (5) 13 Nonsense (flower bird!) (9) 16 Wages in container (3,6)

18 Dragonfly larve (5) 21 One of the Five Towns (7) 22 Shrub (with bark?) (7) 23 Copying device (7)

24 Immoderate (7)

1 Pictorial pun (5) 2 Affectedly modest person

3 Rusty (8,2,8) 4 Superfluous (2,4) 5 TV programme (with stars!) (3,3,2,5). 6 Paper size (6)

7 Stripe of another colour (6) 12 Dance with hoop (4) 14 Potato or silicon? (4) 15 Refinement (6) 16 Over there (6)

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# Vou say i

When Leah Betts died after taking Ecstasy there was a huge panic. Across Britain, terrified parents still think they can stop their children dancing to Ecstasy's tune. They will fail, argues, **Tom Hodgkinson**, and teenagers could tell them why field day. Sentimental, heart-string tugging headlines, designed to prey on the worries of ignorant, frightened perents, exploded into living rooms. "It could be your child", warned the Daily Mall. "Poisoned: Spiked Ecstasy tablet puts birthday girl, 18, into coma," announced the Daily Mirror. "Leah's Last Words: She named Ecstasy pill pusher then pleaded Help me mum, help me' "reported Today All the papers used a picture of a helpless, innocent-looking Leah in a hospital bed, tubes sticking out of her nose, an image that would move even the most hard-hearted dance fan would. field day. Sentimental, heart-string

Leah's father Paul Betts, a retired policeman, and her step-mother. Jan, started a campaign against the drug, which, statistically, has less chance of killing you than a peanut. A poster campaign was launched, featuring a photo of Leah alongside a nastily sarcastic sented by the wanted a simple story of innocent evil drug pushe world two meticulous books on Ecstasy, first pill. She had before she died.

Ecstasy tablet took Leah Betts."

The campaign may have comworried parents may have felt that while the problem might not have bean "sorted", it was being tack-led. But what did the pill poppers make of it all? In Brighton, which has a thriving dance scene, the anti-Ecstasy posters were being defaced by local apologists for

defaced by local apologists for dance culture as quickly as they appeared on walls. The anarchist band Chumbawamba responded with a poster that read "Distorted", claiming that you are far more likely to die from eating a bay leaf than taking Ecstasy.

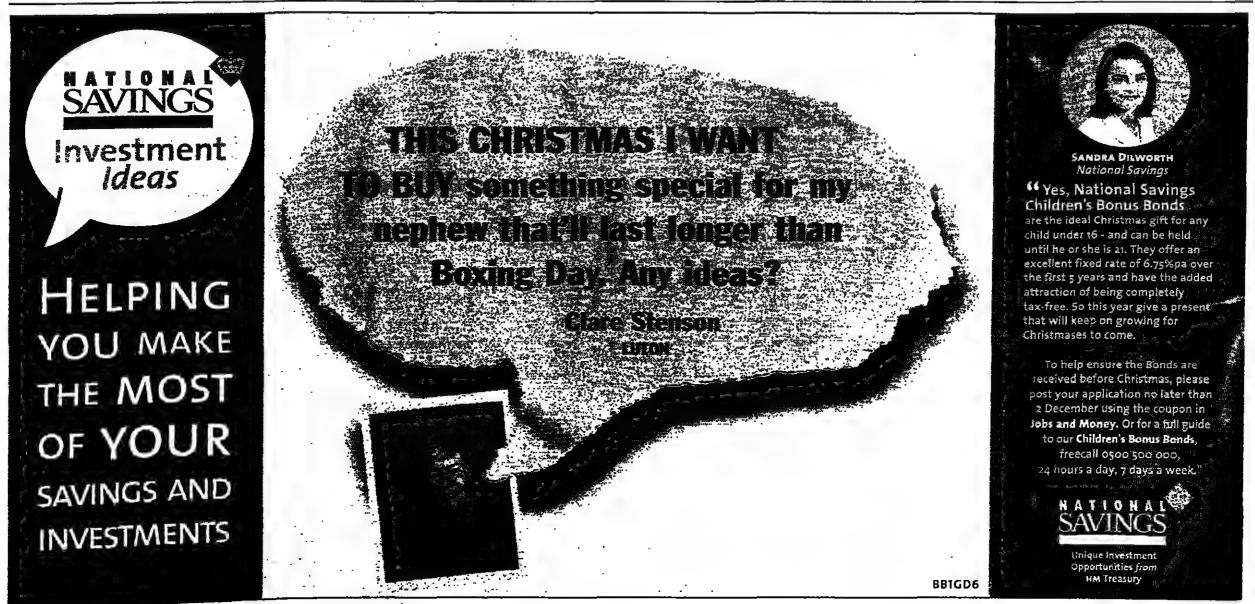
Even the case of Leah Betts turned out to be less simple than the newspapers had told us. Leah didn't quite fit the facts, as presented by the tabloids, which wanted a simple black and white story of innocent girl as victim of evil drug pusher. According to evil drug pusher. According to Nicholas Samders, the author of two meticulously researched books on Ecstasy, it was not Leah's first pill. She had had at least four

derer, and he vowed to find the the person who gave her the drug was already known to her, says Saunders, "and there was no question of charges." It also emerged that it was not the Ecstasy that killed Leah. She in fact died from liver failure after drinking too much water as she knew that Ecstasy has a dehydrating effect. Why did the Leah Betts affair

receive so much publicity? Other Ecstasy-related deaths (most estimates put the total at around so over the last 10 years) merit a few paragraphs. It is probably because it was the only Ecstasy-related death where a picture was released of someone who was actually in the process of dying, and was thus an effective weapon in the way between those who just in the war between those who just say "no" against those who just say "yes".

The Betts parents undertook a nation-wide tour, going into schools and putting on shows trying to warm sophistic answer 14.

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Quiz answers

sity, is a "sex-crazed cannibal

BBC after 25 years.

10. Frank Smatra.

Prince Andrew, rumours about whose sexuality were scotched by Sarah Fegu-

2. (b) Sarah Ferguson 3. (c) BBC chairman Christopher Bland,

who announced a new code of practice almod at curbing sleaze on TV. 4. The male ladybrd, which according to Dr Michael Majerus of Cambridge Univer-

series because of sinking ratings.

8 Magnus Magnusson, quiz master on Mastermind, which has been axed by the

. (d) The RAC, a spokesman for whom

said, "It sounds like the horrlife scenes in the film could well have the effect of mak-ing people drive safer." 12. Raine Spencer, whose three-year

marriage to Count Jean-François de Chambrun ended in divorce.

ter came of the well," reported one

13. Land's End. "My mother lives in Hel-

14. The Talbot Samba-owning Mr Parker

plate, so changed his name to match the car instead.

15. The question was, What is the Hubble

Constant? The Constant, which mag-sures the ratio between the speed at which galaxies recade and their distance

which galaxies recade and their distance from us, is the key question in cosmology.

Richter Scale

0-4 Bland 5-9 Lifeguard 10-14 Loin King

couldn't afford a personalised number

#### Them on them

The global view

Now that the horrific magnitude of Tuesday evening's mid-air collision has finally sunk in, the authorities have fallen back on games which they are familiar with: obfuscation and passing the buck. Delhi's air traffic controllers have rushed to the media to pin the responsibility on technological linguistic incompre of the Kazakhstan Airlines pilot Indian Express, a national daily

Officals at the Yapen
Waropen regency Office
of the Ministry of Social Services are investigating

ports that an isolated tribe of people with tails live in the regency's hinterland, "We have recieved information about them from people living near the tribe," said a spokesman for the ministry. Jakarta Poel

Speech is like dynamite.

It is dangerous only if placed in a small space and put under strong external pressure. The speech of an immature youth attracts only a few people but jail can make a hero of him. Beijing does not tolerate Wang's words but jail cau-not change his mind. Beijing should ease the sure instead. Honk long dally, Ming Pao

#### Us on us

The British view

Oasis's Liam Gallagher is in trouble again, this time for suspected posses-tion of cocaine. While the outish behaviour of the millionaire from a council estate in Burnage is unacceptable, we believe it is to be pitied. There is no reason why all people should be able to handle fame. Manchester Evening News

If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face —for ever." This was from George Orwell's 1984 but could equally apply to Helmut Konl's 1997. In 1997, the final pieces will be put into place and Chancellor Kohl will have

beginnings of a single cur-rency. And once he's done that, all the rest of the trappings that are needed to create a single European super-state will rapidly fall into place.
The Birmingham Post

Of course we all want Gascoigne to become a more mature, responsible person. But if he is to play for England, it will do no one any good if he is so frightened to put a foot out of place that he plays in a want the idiot, but we do want the good elements of his make-up — the flair, the daring, the passion and yes, the aggression — which make him a special player.



THE WEEK THE PARANORMAL

if the eternal debate over the fundamentals of exis-tence were a football match the score at the end of this week would be something

Rationality 2:
Belief in the paramormal gut off to a tremendous start when the Sunday Telegraph splashed a story about Ori Geller locating a wrecked Victorian submarine on the seahed off Rhyl, when experts could not find it. it turned out that in 1968, Geller plupointed the loca-

tion for the benefit of a scep-

tical William Scanlan-

Murphy, who went on to spend right years and £1 million searching the WICEG ATCA.

The report appeared tander the liesidize "Uri Geller vindlested as historic sub is found", and the same edition earried the extract-dinary story of the Dean of Lancoln demanding that the city's cathedral be expressed. Dean Brandon Jackson, deared in a Church court

last year of an affair with a verger was reacting to a complicated and continuing even-year feud between clergy at the cathetral. His demand for it to be closed and purged roused the Bishop of Lincoln, the Et Rev Robert Hardy to ments as "amazing", adding "I don't think it

seems very realistic." It is a strong probability that the Oxford University poologist Prof Richard Dawkins would have agreed with the bishop over that at least, as he prepared for his steedfastly and paracernal Dimbleby lecture, which struck a blow its rational-ism in a week when there seemed to be occult stuff

round every corner.

Dawkins — who, spookly as it may seem, must have written his lecture BEFURE

written his lecture REPCHE Sunday's Telegraph was published — attacked the contemporary "epidemic of paranormal propaganda". In a barely-coded attack on both Geller and one of his biggest supporters, Sir David Prost, Dawkins decried "conjuncts" who are David Prost, Dawkins
decried "conjurors" who are
ceally "television performers claiming supernatural
powers. In this, they are
abetted by prestigious, even
imighted, presenters — peopie who we have got into the
habit of trusting, broadcasters who have become role ers who have become role

But emharrassingly for Dawkins, the patron saint of etheists, he sound himself on Radio 4's Today pro-

with a churchman, the Bishop of Rochester Michael Nazir-Ali, who had been attacking astrology in favour of his own brand of superstition—religion. in company with which he would normally agree to differ, Dawkins graciously

agreed to agree.

The parenormal was soon back in the ascendant, however The astrologer ever The astrologer
Jonathan Camer weighed in to attack Devikins, pointing out that without astrologers (or Uri Geller), the three kings would never have located the baby Jesus.

And finally in a piece of surely incontrovertible evi-dence for the paranormal. the newly late Marja Proops had a (apont) latter from the hereafter ("Can you help ma ... I'm an elderly widow who recently passed away") pub-

lished in the Telegraph, where the week's paranormal binge began.

Jonathan Margolia



"There is absolutely no chance he can be pay. It is categorically not true." Who was the heterosexual? (a) Michael Jackson (b) George Michael (c) Llam Gallagher (d) Prince Andrew

2. Tipped to pile on the pounds as the new face of Weight Watchers. Who? (a) Madonna (b) Sarah Ferguson (c) Caprice Bourret (d) Eve Herzigova

3. Who didn't want grabeitous sex before 9pm? (a) Madonna (b) Sarah Ferguson (c) Christopher Bland (d) Christopher Robin

4. Enjoys multiple organis — three of thesone after the other and each lasting about one and a half hours." Whose sex He?

s. Knockers 1. Pamela Anderson O. Who beach Baywatch?

6. "I've started so now I'll

7. Mad or nome under the hat?



#### 8. He made it to Maryle bone police station but not to Ally Pally. Who?

9. "He's boon so sup! ive during all this, really sweet to me." Who was the caring partner? (a) Paul Gascolgi (b) Llam Gallaghi (c) Peter Hook (d) Matt Sowers

10. "My dector recom-mended that I go home Besides, Mike Tyson needed my room." Who best the obituarists?

11. Who gave the green ight to David Gron opint to particular controversial film cresh?
(a) Nilchael Winner
(b) James Ferman
(c) The Daily Yelegraph
(d) The RAC

12. Out for the Count? But not any more, Who? (a) Nigel Bonn (b) Mike Tyson (c) Evander Holyfield (d) Raine Spencer

13. It measured 3.8 on the Richter Scale. But where did the earthquake strike? 14. Mr Dave Parker changed his name to Mr C 539 FUG. Why?

til. British scientists asswered 42; American astrophysicists said 65. **But what was** the question?

## Hard lessons of schools caught in the spotlight

This week last year November 15 1995

NE year after the North East London Education Association announced its decision to close the troubled Hackney Downs school, others have taken over its mantle of worst school in the country.

The name Hackney Downs became synonymous with academic failure and rampant indiscipline and in July 1995, Gillian Sheppard removed the school from the control of the local authority. She sent in trouble-shooters, giving them a term to turn the school around. On November 15 1995, however, the education association announced plans to close Hackney Downs.

Now, on the first anniversary of this decision, the school's former head teacher, Betty Hales, is dismayed to see schools such as The Ridings achieve the same notoriety. "There were lessons to be learnt from Hackney Downs dren at The Ridings are no different to the children at Hackney Downs. And it is not that teachers are awful at their job. All schools go through problems and when

several unfortunate factors occur at the same time, the school needs help.

"At a time like this, a school cannot function properly without the support of its local authority. But instead of getting support, schools, teachers and the pupils are made into scape goats. It is without dispute that teachers at Hackney Downs were made scapegoats and it is very likely that that is what happened to the head at The Ridings.

The irony is that because teachers at Hackney Downs actively worked against exclusions, there were far more disruptive pupils in the deemed to be a failure. The Ridings has been given a bad press because staff want to exclude so many pupils. If both schools had been left to than criticised, the problems

could have been dealt with." Professor Michael Barber of the Institute of Education and a member of the original task force which closed Hackney Downs, still believes that the disruption was worth it for the sake of the pupils.
"Inspectors visited the

school in July and found the

boys had integrated well.

which proves our decision

made teachers and parents aware that if a school descends below a certain evel the government will intervene, Hackney Downs was short-changing pupils and although no one ever wants to close a school, it is

was in their best interest. We better than letting it con-

tinue delivering a poor standard of education Professor Rarber warns iginst the notoriety given to individual pupils in recent cases: "What kind of mes-

sage does it send to children

if you can get lots of press

coverage by being an annoyof the pupils been entirely

forgotten? Diane Abbott, Lahour MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington argues that when a school collapses so publicly, the real problem of young male underachievement in

PHOTO: EHAMILTON WEST

inner city schools is too readily glossed over Mark Lushington, of the Hackney Teachers Association, responsible for the cam-

paign to save Hackney

School's out ... pupils protest, but do their views ever matter?

Downs, agrees: "To purvey somewhere as the school from hell, or someone as the pupil from hell is disgraceful and misleading to parents. There may be problems but they must be addressed seri-ously and not used for politi-According to Lushington, it is the selection process, or

what he refers to as the "Harriet Harman Syndrome". that is the real problem: "When you have one undersubser(bed acbool to an area

surrounded by grant maintained and selective schools. guess where the excluded punils end up? No lessons have been learnt from Hackney Downs. Those involved in the debate

have got to stop blaming individual schools and pupils for the systematic failures that arise out of government

Hannak Pool

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#### I say yes, you say no

tpage 13 cated 15-year-olds of the dangers of the drug. They appeared on TV talk shows, basi-cally taking the line: "we want people to be given the information to make an informed choice, and the choice should be 'no' ". The campaign may have frightened off kids who have never taken the drug but those who had, and who had not died, but who on the contrary had enjoyed themselves, were unlikely to change their minds. In the Sunday Telegraph earlier this year, 19-year-old journalist Libby Brooks described spending a day with Paul and Jan Betts. She admits in the article: "I am not a regular user, but from time to time I like to get off my head" - a trait she shares with this correspondent. As Brooks eaves the well-meaning couple she concludes: "I want to call them back and tell them that I have been converted too. But that would make me a liar. Those good people have nothing to teach me. They have much to learn. And it make me sad that they will never under-Prince Chains.
 Liam Gallagher, who appeared at Marylebone police station on suspicion of possessing cocaline but falled to show up at Aily Polity to collect his MTV award.
 Liam Gallagher, whose New Man qualities were praised by Patsy Kensit.
 D. Frink Smatrn.

When I was at school, the head master showed us slides of poor cretches with stomach cancers Foul medical close-ups, to try to put us off smoking. We were 13. A rear later, we were smoking cigarettes, smoking dope, inhaling Tipp-Ex thinners and getting drunk at weekends on beer and cider. The head's chat had no effect whatsoever, The fact is that teenagers and young people largely ignore the moral codes imposed on them by the forces of authority, and invent their own

which are based on their particular situation and their peer group. Among those who would count themselves as part of the dance culture, there seems to be a consensus that Leah Betts's death did help because it provoked debate. "All the dance magazines debated the issue," says Mary Ann Wright, currently working on a PhD dance culture at London's City University. The Face magazine carried an interview with Paul and Jan. The





Leah Betts, her father, Paul, and stepmother, Jan . . . a tragic death, followed by a campaign that is doomed to fail?

ject. Information on the drug | 21 per cent increase on 1994, and forced its way to the public arena.
"And it did highlight the fact that there is a small chance of getting a bad reaction from Ecstasy Some parents called drugs agencies, and were assured that their child probably did not have a problem," says Wright.

already into E and the culture that surrounds it found the campaign irritating. "It was a horrendous thing that happened to Leah Betts's parents," says Wright. "But does that give them a right to prescribe a formula for the whole

country?" An article in London listings magazine Time Out by Matthew Collin, a former editor of style magazine i-D, says there is little statistical evidence that Ecstasy is losing popularity — last year, Cus-toms and Excise seized 456kg of MDMA (from which E is made), a

which compares with zero 10 years ago. But some clubbers, he reports, are saying that it is on the way out. He concludes that the only factor "that could seriously dent the drug's popularity is changing pop cultural fashions". In other words, any decline in the drug's use would have little or nothing to do with campaigns, legislation, or anti-E propaganda.

"The scene reached a real peak

about a year ago, says Richard Benson, editor of the Face. "Glastonbury was very good, the music was very good. There's since been a comadown element. These things go in cycles." And cycles which are not determined by the government or newspapers. Nicholas Saunders uses the example of the football hooliganism of the eighties. "I think events will take their course. The authorities

example, all attempts to stamp out hooliganism falled, and it came to an end of its own accord. The moods of the people are not dic-.tated by government."

parents tell its children and its citizens how to behave? Will campaigns and laws ever have an effect? A glance at history will reveal that attempts to limit or control our behaviour are doomed to failure, often encouraging the very behaviour that it was intended to repress. As thinker John Michell, author of Who Wrote Shakespeare?, puts it, Whenever you get clampdowns you get a problem. Before drugs were illegal, opium and cannabis were freely available and no one really thought much about it."

Ecstasy culture has also spawned a criminal class, which is making money from the E generation. But there is surprisingly little hostility to dealers on the scene — although most people would prefer a situation where they we not criminalised for taking an O can governments and informed decision on their choice

of intoxicant.

And what else has happened in a year? While a year ago, when it seemed as if every newspaper was running the headline "the agony of Ecstasy" at least once a week, in recent weeks they have been full of stories on "swinging London", "cool Britannia". Surely the two cultures cannot be unrelated? While it would certainly be absurd to attribute the cultural confidence the country is currently experiencing solely to the use of Ecstasy, it would also be foolish to separate the two phenomena. Just as LSD and pot-smoking allowed

people in the sixties to look around them in new ways, and therefore create appropriate music and art for the times, so it is with Ecstasy Its use has stimulated a creative, entrepreneurial generation who are doing things despite an unhelpful welfare state system and a plethora of restrictive, prohibitive laws which seek to limit their freedoms.

Those who promote prohibitive laws are still up to their old tricks. Last Saturday the papers reported a renewed attempt, promoted by Barry Legg, Conservative MP for Milton Keynes South-West, to clamp down on nightclubs. He has called for new laws to enable counclls to shut down clubs if they can provide evidence of drug-dealing or drug-taking on the premises. As if we need yet more laws! The pledge of the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, to "Stop the pushers from poisoning our chilhas never looked more absurd in the light of swinging Britain. He might as well be say-ing "stop the pushers giving the young people drugs and stimulatof which has not been seen in this country since the sixtles and for which this government will then take the credit."

The irony of this is not lost on Richard Benson at the Face. "It's funny that clubs like the Ministry of Sound, house clubs partly defined by Ecstasy, are being promoted as tourist attractions. Our house culture is a world-wide export." And we are in an odd situation where the culture is being simultaneously "clamped" down on boasted about — John Major, in his feelgood speech last week the annual Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall, said "our streets are bustling with foreign tourists and "our pop culture rules the air-

waves". Says Benson: "The sub-culture is now creating the national impetus. Mainstream culture has been eroded, because you can't live that sort of life any more." Foreign tourists flock here to take a bite from that culture, and while they are here they will spend money, see the sights.

"Something must be done," goes the call of the cowering establishment, when faced with phenomena it does not understand. This is bad government. If you want a healthy society, then nothing must be done. Just let the people get on

Sir Nicholas Scott, MP for Chelsea, is on trial by his local association for the second time in a year

# A career in the balance



as life has disap-pointed him. You can see it in his pouchy face; his eyelids droop as if they can barely be bothered to stay open. At 63, his voice is now a time-stained drawl, as if his lips can barely summon up the energy to form themselves into words. Even his handshake is bored. "Helio there," he murmurs, padding languidly across the foyer of Narman Shaw North the House of Norman Shaw North, the House of

Probably not for much longer. In two weeks' time, his 30-year career at Westminster will be on trial again. This time last year, Chelsea Conservatives were discussing the incident in which his Volvo hit another Volvo, trapping a three-year-old French child in his pram. Scott was said to have fled the scene.
According to the tabloids, it was

ing his side of it, the Chelsea Con-servative Association agreed to give him a second chance. This time round, after an initial vote of no confidence, they will be dis-cussing his collision with a Bournemouth pavement at the Tory Party Conference. "Slumped Drunk in the Street," yelled the

Daily Mirror front page.
Ensconced in his cosy office on the third floor, I ask Scott what happens to him when he drinks. "I don't get drunk!" he protests crossly, sounding like a boastful teenager. "I don't get drunk! For the last couple of years, my intake of alcohol has been absolutely minimal! I think I've reached the point where I'll just stop it altogether, just as well, be absolutely testo-tal." And he makes a jubliant little harrumphing noise.

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terial stint in Northern Ireland that he got into the alcohol habit. "Business was often conducted "Business was often conducted over a glass of whisky, or two. And really, I suppose that habit persisted when we came back. But my wife and I discussed it and really for the last couple of years, I've drunk hardly at all."

In which case, he must consider himself the unluckiest man in Britain. "The incident last year [with the pram] well, I was one glass over the limit! One glass over the limit." And this year's? "At Bournemouth, at the Irish Embassy party I had two glasses of wine, which is well under any limit. But at that point I was taking these paintillers as a result of ing these painkillers as a result of a fall and they can cause vertigo

They also caused him to sleep straight through his own constituency drinks party — even the dep-uty chairman hammering on his hotel door failed to rouse him. Didn't be realise strong painkillers and alcohol don't mix? "I came out of the party having had ... well, they offered me whisky and I turned that down! I don't drink spirits at all but I thought a couple of glasses of white wine wouldn't

go amiss. I came out into the open,
I fell and had a dizzy spell."
I try again. Didn't he realise alcohol and painkillers don't mix? "It never occured to me! People say 'Oh, everyone knows that!' But

I've never been ill!"
At this point, the door nudges open and in trots Patricia Sill-Johnson, Scott's charming secre-Johnson, Scott's charming secre-tary, who has been with him since the seventies. Pretty in a navy suit, she was his passenger on the night of the car accident. "Cup of coffee?" she asks. I say I'd prefer ten. "I think we've run out," inter-rupts Sir Nicholas, "because I nor-mally drink tea and I haven't got

"I could always scrounge one,"

"I could always scrounge one,"
laughs Patricia in her gentle but
distinctly Tory voice, and I try to
imagine her at the scene of the accident, allegedly shrieking "Do
you know who I am? French scum,

"Tranch with"

French scum! "Do you want a coffee?" she asks lovingly. "Yes," says Sir Nicholas nicely. "Black please. Now, where



We were on the subject of his doctor, to whose house Scott retreated after l'affaire Volvo. "As it happens, he lives about 75 yards away from the incident and I told people at the scene: Tim going down the road, if anyone wants to see me or talk to me, you know the address — send them down to years, my

Send them down to me. This phrase is delivered in such an im-perious, arrogant, patrician tone, I want to lean across the desk and throttle him. Send them down to you, but you'd just backed another

car into a child.

"All this business about the child, the child wasn't injured! They took him to accident and emergency at Chelsea and Westminister, they found no problems whatsoever. It turned out I was one glass over the limit! As soon as someone said there's a child been hurt, I went down to speak to the parents. The child was crying. As I got there, I was told by someone who happened to be walking past and turned out to be a pediatri-cian. Twe already inspected the child and there's nothing wrong

with him'." "Excuse me," says Patricia, coming in and brandishing a triumphant cup. "Your teabag. Earl Grey!" "Did I get any coffee?" grumbles Scott. "If I'd known you were going to find an Earl years, my

intake of alcohol has been absolutely minimal!"

Grey tea-bag, I would have tea | foundations. I'm a consultant to myself." | The Bank of Ireland." Does he

myself."
Which way does he think his association will vote? "I have no association will vote? I have no idea," he shrugs, and for a brief moment he looks so weary I won-der if he's past caring. "I've looked after the constituency very well. People think of Chelsea as Lowndes Square, well there's World's End with social issues and problems, Earl's Court which

changes very fast."

What's the percentage of unemployed people? "Oh I'd have to look it up to give you the . . . the . . . the

ti up to give you the ... the exact figure," he says.
"It's about 12 per cent, I think," chirrups Patricia helpfully.
"About 12, is it?" he says, sounding rather surprised. "London is booming at the moment. If you look at Walton Street and Beauchemp Place well two weeks and champ Place, well two years ago, there were quite a lot of To Let signs up in both — not a bad ba-rometer for the constituency. Well, I was talking to someone on the phone the other day and they said: It's come right down, you know. People really are taking up tenan-

respite rearry are taking up tarasticies in those two areas?"

I feel like saying: "Fancy that."
But instead I ask what he'll do if he is deselected? "I don't know what I shall do," he says irritated.
Well how would he earn a living? Twe got lots of things to do, I'm involved in various charitable understand why some people think he should go? "Yes. But move away from the incident, which I think most rational people would not think was a great disaster. The fact is that the uniting of Kensington and Chelsea, because of boundary changes, has left a degree of resentment in Kensington. They feel they're the junior partner, taken over by a richer and stronger Conservative

association." How petty, I say. "You may think that." he replies wryly. "Let's say I couldn't possibly comment." But it must be infuriating to feel that after so many years he may be formed out because of intermay be forced out because of inter-

party squabbles.
"I think we have 16 parliamen tary candidates within the constituency and there are a certain number of ambitious young men who might have some sort of inter-

est in all this." Unable to bear it any longer, Patricia. who has been hovering, sud-denly bursts out excitedly: "I might add that in my experience all Conservative associations have always had things simmering under the surface! If you get a united local association, it's not real!" Flushed by this sudden outbreak, she smiles apologetically and backs out of the room.

In 1974, Time magazine fingered | Scott as a potential world leader, | so what went wrong? He never even made the Cabinet and two Years ago, his own daughter, Victoria, a campaigner for disabled rights, derided him publicly, callng him underhand and a liar after he scuttled a private member's Disabled Persons Bill. "Politics is a rough old trade," he smiles grimly. "You don't go into politics

thinking everyone's going to be nice to you all the time." So why stay? He's had a safe seat and two junior ministerial posts what can be left for him? sounds pompous but I want to show new people round, show them how it's done. I was very con-scious of people holding my hand

and telling me what not to do."

But new MPs may not want him
to hold their hand. Frankly, they
may laugh at him and think he's out of control? "I think your col-leagues in the press had a *ball*," he says angrily. Uh-oh, here we go. "Most of the reports were grossly unfair to me. It's not pleasant to read that stuff, or for your family and friends. Our press is pretty

I say that he doesn't seem to display much remorse or embarrassment about either incident. "I
don't feel pleased," he shrugs. "I
would much prefer it hadn't happened." No doubt, being forced to

awful."

stand for re-selection is inconve-nient. But he doesn't seem particu-larly, well, ashamed. "I'm sad be-cause of the hurt that happened to

family but I'm not going to go into amily but I'm not going to go into some deep purgatory. Perhaps because of the way your profession behaved. I would have had a totally different approach if it had been reported fairly." Did he complain about the way it was reported? "No." Why ham't be complained to the Press Complaints Commission? "I should have done."

have done." There is another thing which is uzzling about Sir Nicholas. His father was a policeman yet his own manner is impeccably grand. How come? "No, no, no! My wife's family's quite grand, but not

Before I go, we descend into the foyer to take his photograph and Glenda Jackson saunters past humming. Scott tries to catch her eye but she keeps on going and I'm reminded that although Tory col-leagues talk warmly of Scott, there is one word which keeps cropping

up. Vanity. Is he vain? He raises an eye-brow. "I can't think of anything less appropriate, not in the least! I'm a relaxed person who gets on



How to avoid tears before bedtime

WAS going to say that no one likes to be told how to bring up children. But some people own books telling them how to do everything, from parenting to loftconversion. From birth onwards, books give advice in minute detail as to every aspect of baby-care. Parents who bottle-feed are de-

nounced for rearing an idiot with no immune system. Men who take an active role in caring for babies are depicted as ugly and bearded, and really only there to play the guitar. Most men are expected to go back to work the second the cord is cut, having arranged for their own mother to come and stay in order to criticise her daughter-

in-law as much as possible.
Even in modern society, the extended family is a major source of support and advice for new parents: "You need to super-gine his little bottom to the potty. My Colin was tollet-trained at six

Once the child is a toddler, the book advice is mostly a list of ill-

nesses. Then there's a bit about bed-weiting and a short conclud-ing chapter entitled "The Rest of

Parents are then pretty much on their own as far as secular childcare books are concerned, al-though I predict a complete reversal of this in the coming year. The whole emphasis of the literature will be on psychology, and the baby-care will be thrown out with the correct temperature of the bath water. The thing troubling all parents will be whether we are rearing a nation of squeegee-merchants. Enter New Labour.

Jack Straw is a seasoned politician. Doubtless he is furning that his call for a national debute about bedtimes has been taken out of context, but he must know that if a politician says something that is even more stupid than the rest of what he says, it will be taken out context. He's old enough to have learned that however many words a politician speaks or writes, the odd phrase will haunt him forever. If someone produces a 1,000-page document on homelessness, detail-ing all sorts of innovative propos-als to tackle the problem, the know that he appears to exhibit all the signs of paranoia? Did he watch the Caine Mutiny and think that Captain Queeg was right words "Let's have a cull" will be the one everyone notices. Likewise, if a politician uses words Men who take an which have an echo of corruption

malpractice or disloyalty, they active role in caring for will be taken out of context. If a Tory rebel says, "The Prime Min-ister's useless and I don't support babies are depicted him," the exact context of the phrase will recede from public as ugly and bearded, view. If a minister writes down and really only there some ideas, one of which is, "We could rig the election", no one will to play the guitar care very much what the preceding or following sentences were. So, Mr Straw has opened a

about the strawberries? Labour are absolutely right to point out that Tory policies foster crime. healthy debate about whether he is barkingly clueless or simply weird. He is clearly one of the par-They are right to point out that people work too hard and don't spend enough time with their ty's loony right who are more concerned with pushing their own extreme ideas than winning elecfamilies. And they are right to tions. But does he not realise that point out that most of us have absohe is making himself and his party lutely no idea how to bring up a laughing stock? Does he now

Jack Straw's parents, for example sent him to boarding school. But considering the dearth of help and support, most parents do remarkably well. It would be very helpful if there were groups we could go to for help, advice and discussion, although given that the primary problem for most parents is that they are exhausted and broke, such groups would

probably be populated only by the comfortable and bored. The implication of Straw's pronouncements is not that help should be on offer to everyone, with no stigma attached, but that parents who may be struggling should be coaxed or bullied into

remedial parenting tuition. We already have health visitors and social workers who have the power to intervene in families. and get an enormous amount of stick as a result, sometimes deservedly, sometimes not. Undoubtedly, they are in a terrible position, faced with an overwhelming consensus that people must be

allowed to do what they like to their own children. The traditional family is such a

many minds, that the idea that children are not the property of their parents is still taking off. The idea that they are not the property of their parents' landowners or employers is only a century old. So, yes, the state has a role to

play in helping children by helping their parents. But I question whether a panic-stricken belief that the world's gone mad and that it's the parent's fault is the best position from which to advance ideas about society's collective res

ponsibility for children. I somehow doubt that a man who is frightened of men with rags touching his windscreen is the right man to advance any ideas. But let us take a progressive view of Jack Straw and say that there's no such thing as a had Shadow Home Secretary — he's just overtired and cranky, and he's show



Revenge, Fergie and those long Icelandic nights

SUNDAY: The writer Derek Tangye died last month, and a friend who knew him described a new phenomenon: famous people getting posthumous revenge on their would-be biographers - especially those who want pners—especially those who want a spot of rumpy-pumpy to help sales. Tangye led an interesting life. Before the war he was a fam-ous gossip columnist. Then he worked for MI5, and afterwards suddenly ran off to a clifftop house in Cornwall with Jeannie, thought to be the most beautiful woman in London. Here he wrote several best-selling books, with titles like A Gull On The Roof and A Donkey In The Meadow. As it happened, he and Jeannie both had many afne and Jeannie both had many al-fairs (A Beaver in My Bed would have been a good title) and it was parily to prevent the details being printed that he destroyed all his papers. He shorten are writers. I also any contemporary writers. I also gather that the writer Martha Gellhorn, Hemingway's former lover, has held a ritual burning of all his letters, on a mountainside in Wales, so that story can never be

MONDAY: Luckily we still have Fergie's autohiography. Like a lot of obsessives, she is good at beat-

ing her breast for her sins, and equally good at excusing them. But one part of her story rings true the sheer awfulness of living in Buckingham Palace. The boredom the dreary half-cold meals, the heating — freezing in a cold spring, boiling during an Indian summer — the mean-minded 40watt bulbs, and worst of all the courtiers, or the Grey Men as she calls them. These semi-hereditary boneheads are the purest kind of bureaucrat, existing only to per-petuate their own positions. I had heard in Japan that the Imperial Household rules the Emperor and his family absolutely, but hadn't realised something similar happens here. She quotes Prince Charles: "We don't run our staff. They run as." They were horrible to Fergie, no doubt with some justice, but one had heard stories about their petty rivalries and hitching long before that; the Queen's staff refusing the Primce the use of the Royal Train, without the Queen even knowing for example. Most grotesque of all, these ghastly placemen see their job as preserving the royal mystique for future generations. They have managed that trick as successfully

as Robert Maxwell managed the Mirror pension fund.

found a way round our Social Chapter Opt-Out, and the Govern-ment is furious. Some of us are oldenough to remember a time when

I had heard in Japan that the Imperial Household rules the Emperor, but hadn't realised something similar happens here

ish workers as idle good-for-nothings compared to the Stakhanovites of the continent. Now we are told that British employees yearn only to work around the clock, preferably without holidays, mapreferancy without nomizes, maternity leave or job security. (By contrast, MPs can work a 36-week year if they wish.) Sadly, both-sides are right. Jobs are draining to China, India and next to East Africa. Yet what kind of triumph for the Tories is it that, after 17 means they been expended nearther account. years, they have merely persuaded us grudgingly to accept that our standard of living is now way be-

sat next to Jack Hedley, in his day one of the most popular actors day one of the most popular actors on TV. You might remember Coldita. People still tell him: "You used to be Jack Hedley?" We were talking about accents, and he said that Olivier was an stickler for getting them exactly right. Hedley was in his production of Cat On A Hot Tin Roof (not by Derek Tangan) and had accentred the services Hot Tin Roof (not by Derek Tangre) and had acquired the services of Manreen Stapleton, whom Tennessee Williams regarded as the finest interpreter of his work. The great actress finally arrived and a hugh descended as Clivier space. Larry said: This play is set just on the border between Tennessee and Alabama; and Manreen is going to show us how to get the accent alsolutely perfect. Baffled, she replied: 'Ah deart, facker know, ah jes 'connesseem down theyah someplace.'

THURSDAY: It's said that Master-mind is ending thicken I don't sup-pose Magmis Magainson is too sorry since he wants to be thought of as a historian raffier than TV quir show host. I once joined a memorable pressabily to Icaland

where he acted as our guide. We met the president, Vigdis Finnboggadotiir, who was lyrical about the beauty of the country. She said that in the long summer nights, "the young people do wonderful things"; where we inquired, she added variely "like growing potatoes". We saw, the site of the world's first partiament, and a production of Amadeus in Icelandic. duction of Amadeus in Icelandic Magnus himself impressed us with his enthusiastic knowledge of the local sagas, which are still written today. There is one about the cod war, though, how they found a rhythe for the minister, one Haitersley, I don't know. Magnus was incredibly keen to fill us in on everything, so when one of our number said: "Magnus, there's one execution the absence wanted to question I've always wanted to know," he eagerly said "Yes?" The wretched hack asked: "What is Fred Housego really like?" and thought he was going to cry. ...

FRIDAY. The LibDens are involved in a Kash for Kontracts controversy. Did arrone except the Liberals themselves believe that, as they swept local authorities all over the country, that in some magical way, the same kirat of two-party sleaze wouldn't follow?

# **SMALLWEED**

AM often asked: why do you keep complaining about the often employment of words like below guered? Why shouldn't people speak and write as they chooses had you have an unhappy childhood'us something? Spent the whole of your have an unhappy childhood'us schooldays at the feet of pedautical schooldays at the feet of pedautical highest who rarely lifted their notes out of Sir Norman Fowler's redding able "English Usage", right? I mean per lease! Get a life! Six, estable "Ganlity as charged. I just year ish to get through a sports report discome gritty defensive battle without being told that somebody was being told that somebody was "redoubtable." Among other people or things described as redoubtable over the past three months, I now the revor McDonald, the two fat latter who cook on TV, Rupert Murdoch, Dr. Nihato Mollana, Chris Woodbeed, Mickledova Grooves on the

head, Mickledora Grooves on the east buttress of Scafell, Hansard, "Lilian Bayliss, Eddie George, Alan Greenspan, John Junor, "the Hali-fax bomber, and Baroness Sesar. These researches allow me to intro-duce the Smallweed Redoubtability Index. Clear winner over the past three months: that redoubtably redoubtable person Baroness Castie Runner-up: the former Tory MP for Tynemouth, "Dame Irene Ward. No one else, apart from sportsmen who, since they are all redoubtable have been judged hors de concours, got more than one mention. (En-

EADERS may have been wondering why it was that in liest week's mushus on the US elections I neglected the question which troubles them most what has Clinton's re-election done to the Sunday Telegraph's famously Clintophobe US correspondent, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard? To judge from his copy, election eve found Ambrose-Evans in a pitiful state, clinging on to the possibility that Dole might yet triumph over the Forces of Darkess and their daughter, Chelsea Forces of Darke pess, yet knowing deep down that ness, yet knowing deep down that he couldn't.

trants marked with an asterisk are

redoubtable but dead.)

I am gled to report that last Sun-day—his first chance to pronounce —Princhard-Evans seemed pretty chipper. He'd discovered yet another conspiracy, and this time one to which Bill Force of Darkness had drawn sitention himself. Relaxing on Air Force One after his victory, the President picked out the Okla-home bombing of April 1993 as the turning point of his fortunes, be-

cause it turned voters against This, Evans-Ambrose disclos was a theory he'd long held himse But he want on to ask: cut bono? Could the investigation into the bombing still inconclusive, have been compromised for the President's benefit? Glenn and Cathy Wilburn and their daughter Eyde Smith, Princhard-Ambrose revealed, were bringing proceed ings in the Oklahoma courts to force things into the open. The truth would cut, he promised. Smallweed

HREE QUESTIONS have bugged me all week. (1) Why, as revealed on the Times' social page, is Lord Rees-Mogg, who lives in Somerset and the 18th can-tury, president of the Thorney Island Society? Thorney Island, on my map, is in Chichester Harbour, near Hayling. What is Mogg's con-nection with that? An older gazete laims there's a Thorney Island under Westminster near the point Thames. Since Mogg is a peer, that possibly makes better sense. But if so, do the Thorney Island Society meet under water, clad in their diving suits, with Debussy's Cathé-trale Engloutie playing softly in the beckground?

(2) A catalogue from an outfit called Uniquity (curious name: half way between ubiquity and iniquity) offers a chance to buy electronic backgammon, chess, poker, bridge, blackjack and roulette. Why doesn't Mastermind, my ancient version of which is broke

(3) I haven't got space for the third

FURTHER ghastly blow for beleaguered Manchester City: their gifted Georgian midfielder Kinkladze (you can tell ne is Georgian from the moulding of his architraves) wants to leave Maine Road. This is City's own fault for ignoring Smallweed's advice and installing Steve Coppell as manager when they could have had the redoubtable prisons minister, Ann Widdecombe. She would never have stood for such nonsense. The moment he talked of signing for Barcelona or Arsenal or whoever, she would have locked him up. Incidentally, I see that Suzanne Moore of the Independent uses personal Tony Blair for mentioning 22 men in his conference speech, but only

She has somehow missed the worst of it: the significance of the number 22. In his laddish way, Blair was clearly set on providing the number of names it would take to assemble a soccer match. If listed in the formation 5-3-2, the names he mentioned would produce the following sides:

New Labour: John Smith; Neil Kinnock, John Prescott, Gordon Brown; David Blunkett, Jack Straw, Chris Smith, Robin Cook, John Major, Michael Heseltine. Joseph Stalin. Even Newer Labour: Kim Il Sung, Nell Hamilton, Ken Clarke, Matthew Harding: Dennis Stevenson, Bob Hughes, Nelson Mandela, Clem Attlee, Alan Howarth: William Wilberforce, Adolf Hitler

It would take a redoubtable ref to control that collection. Another job for Ann Widdecombe

# Love of both kinds



As gay Christians flock to Southwark Cathedral for a service today, Bishop Derek Rawcliffe, sacked for blessing a gay 'wedding', and Lance Pierson, a married writer, lock horns over homosexuality and the Church

#### Dear Derek,

DO NOT AGREE that same-sex genital acts are legitimate for Christians. But I welcome this chance to try to understand your view. Here's what most concerns me: aren't we in danger of losing more than we gain if we assume that (a) gay people are bound to stay gay, and (b) we are free to change the Church's historic teaching on

orientation was predominantly gay. yearned for a caring, loving ationship, sealed in sex, with another man. But my mind clung to the vast majority of Church teachers all say that straight marriage is the holy grail, the home God built for sex, I sensed that if I turned would never find peace. So I inched

my way forward. And am I glad I did! Glad, gleeful, gratified — the words are too pale for how I feel now. With prayer and care, my desires have gradually

woman has devoted herself to me for the rest of her life, and I to her and we have a girl and a boy who fill us with hope and joy. I don't suggest anyone should marry be-fore they're ready to embrace it. But I wouldn't dare downplay this ideal of one-woman, one-man mar-riage that brings me (and countless others) such wholeness. How about

VOU? Your brother in God's family.

THANK YOU for your letter. I'll deal with one point can gay people do something to change their sexu-

ality at will? Sexuality is usually thought of as a spectrum with each of us some where on the scale. Your use of the word "predominantly" seems to support this way of looking at it. Some of us find ourselves completely or nearly at the gay end of the spectrum, with little or no attraction to the opposite sex, others completely or nearly at the other, straight end. Some of us are nearer changed direction. A sweet, good the middle, in varying degrees of



Lance Pierson, left, and Bishop Derek Rawcliffe

bisexuality. I agree some do find they have moved some distance along the spectrum during their lives, but this is not something they determined to do; they discovere it had happened. What I'm getting at is that we do not choose to be gay or straight. And we cannot choose to

Some gay men, burdened by guilt and self-haired put upon them by society, long to be different and try to achieve that by marrying. But so often the marriage breaks down and they either divorce or remain in a hopeless bondage which brings nothing but bitterness and self-condemnation. I know some like

Your experience was that you did marry, you're glad you did and your attraction to men ceased. I wonder just where you were on that spectrum\_

I too was married for 10 years and was happy. I married because the girl had had a wonderful heal-ing and I thought God was calling me and I mought God was caused me to marry her. I had never been attracted to a woman before, nor since she died. And while we were married I thought, "I am no longer gay". I talked about having been "healed" and thought that if I could men. It took me two or three years after she died to realise I was still gay and that there were plenty of signs that I had remained gay all the time we were married.

When I accepted again that I was still gay and had not been changed. when I felt comfortable with myself again, I found that a lot of problems I had had over those years just fell away and didn't bother me again. The real healing was in accepting myself as I am and accepting that for me and for other gay people,

that is how God has made us. We don't need healing, because we are not sick. Your brother in Christ,

#### Derek Rawcliffe Dear Derek,

THANKS — I'm glad your mar-riage was happy. But I'd already agreed this was no escape route. I also agree with the sexuality 'spectrum'. And that gay people aren't sick. In my view, the route most people take to heterosexual liking and loving gets blocked in our case, often by a failed relation-

ship with our same-sex parent. Elsewhere I only half agree. True, we didn't choose the orientation we're first aware of, and we can't change it unaided. But we can seek help to change, I have indeed moved along the spectrum; this didn't "just happen" — I asked God in his mercy to bring it about. Again I agree we need to accept the way we are now. But I can't join your conclusion that God nec essarily made us that way. Jesus cannot marry: some, because they were born that way; others, be cause men made them.

And even if God made me at tracted to men at the outset, that's me to stay. How to be sure what God wants? I look in the New Testament, where Paul says gay sex doesn't belong in God's kingdom. Its only place is in the past, because he expects God to free from it. I don't see how I can ignore o

Christian .

#### Dear Lance,

I'LL START with your idea that homosexuality is caused by an early "failed relationship with our same-sex parent". I note you say often, but even so this doesn't ac-count for straight people who have had bad relations with their samesex parent nor gay people who have had good relations with that parent. The reasons for homosex uality are not well known, but may include both biological and psycho-logical elements, so I would not

rely on that argument.
Then, when Jesus says some can not marry because they were born that way, he is probably referring to those with a vocation to cell-bocy, and certainly some are so called — but they are not by any means all gay and this cannot be used to try to force all gay people to remain celibate. When he says Others, because men made them

"he is referring to those deliber-stely castrated. He is not saying snything about those who discover they are attracted to the same sex and don't want to get married. He could have if he'd wanted to, but he icem't.

It would take a long letter to deal with Paul, but he seems to think disordered, idolatrous mankind (ie all of us) deliberately chose to an or us) desperately chose to become homosexual, which spes against our consciousness of dis-covering not choosing our sexual-ity. And I do not think he has in mind a committed, loving and per manent relationship.

enegay movement is very unsuc-cessful in changing the orientation of those who come for help. Yours in Christ, Derek

## As for being set free, I believe the

#### Deer Lance,

I SAID often because I accept there are many more cases than I know of But in those I have met, a damaged relationship with the same sex parent has been an important — if not the key — factor. Then, how can you know Jesus refers only to "those deliberately castrated"? You yourself say that the "some" (born that way) include those with a gay orientation. So logically the others, (made so by men) must do too.

I agree that in Romans, Paul talks of deliberate homosexual persame sex parent has been an im-

talks of deliberate homosexual per-version. But I was quoting Corinthians, where he speaks simply of any people who have gay sen:
"They will not inherit God's king-dom." In another letter he calls their actions of the calls their actions opposed to the gospel, is unchristian. He doesn't say, "Except, of course, if they love each other" though I dane say he could have. His words are in Christianity's

His words are in Christianity's founding documents. And they are profoundly serious. I'm deeply irothled when Christians discounding them: I compatible, with gay orientation and gay affection, but the with gay sex. The Bible always onlines that. Not from pholia, but from love — because, as I found, God's law is true liberation.

So imagine my dismay at South-spark Cathadral playing host today to a celebration of what looks to me the turning a deaf ear to God. Can you reassure me? In Christ,

#### Dear Lance,

OUR differences have boiled down

to the interpretation of two or three verses in the Bible and it's got very scholarly. You say that when Paul uses three Greak words in a list of things "opposed to the gospel, is unChristian", he is talking about all gay sex. But is he? Of those three words, two are rare and there's no certainty among schol-ars as to their precise meaning But the three could go together and "male prostitutes, those who lie with them and the slave-dealers who kidnep them." Nothing to do loving,

In 1 Corinthians Paul uses one of those words again with another word meaning "soft", "affemi-nate". It could be translated "remboys and those who lie with them again not really what we're talking abourt.

Does the Bible really outlaw all gay sex? You admit Paul thought gay people had deliberately chosen their "perversion", whereas it is now agreed that we do not choose to be gay but discover we are. And those other passages can, as I said above, bear another interpretation than yours

But you also say you "empathise with gay orientation and gay affection, but not with gay sex". This distinction always has me puzzled. Are we allowed to show our affec-tion physically and if so when does that become "sex" in your under-standing? My other problem is that if the orientation and affection are OK, we must at least be permitted by God to have them. How callous he would be if he then said, "You can have and feed this love, but you mustn't express it," I do not believe God is like that.

I see the Southwark service as recognition of a group marginalised by society and, sadly, by the Church, whom Jesus would want to affirm, and as a thanksgiving for the ministry of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement over the pass 20 years, enabling this group to regain the self-worth which many had lost through society's attitude and to thank God for how he has made thera.

I shall be there. You will be relcome too: Yours in Christ,

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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# 'These are not lives here; they are just dots'

### The New Delhi air crash highlights the lot of air traffic controllers. Gary Younge reports

lers like to compare themselves to futures dealers. Gulding up to a dozen planes to land safely at any one time, they sit in front of computer screens, fuelled by fast food, making snap decisions that affect the lives of millions of people around the world. Their skill is to predict what will happen, avoid potential calamities and exploit possible opportunities while trying to keep their heads, their hair and a modicum of poise.

But in aviation, as in finance, for all the reliable workers beaver-ing away there will always be a roque trader — a Nick Leeson of the skies who takes on too much, is in too deep and refuses to pull the emergency cord until it is too late, so bringing the whole house

crashing down.

Like the controller who got so frustrated by the number of hips on his screen, representing planes waiting to land, that he took his cursor and started eliminating them one by one.

Or the woman in Arizona who put an American West 737 and US Air Force fighter on a collision course as they closed in at 800mph, then froze when she realised what she had done. A crash was averted only when her supervisor stepped in and the fighter pilot was ordered to change course. Or the man in Newark, New Jer-

sey, ushering in 10 jets at the same time, who lost his electronic frequency at a crucial moment and ratched in horror as all of the planes strayed dangerously of course. As the fate of thousands of wassengers slipped from his hands. he let out a primal scream, ripped his shirt off and ended his working day as a half-naked wreck on the floor of the control room.

All these controllers were discharged on medical leave and ineach case, miraculously, nobody was hurt. But these incidents provide a cautionary tale for the anxious air passenger, when it comes

present, the chances of your plane crashing is little more than three in a million. But while the statistics back up this argument con-vincingly, the headlines do not. After a period of relatively infrequent air disasters the number of incidents in the last year has leapt dramatically. Thursday's near col-lision between a British Airways Boeing 767 and an Air UK Fokker 100 over south-east Scotland follows the crash between a Saudi jumbo jet and a Kazakh airliner earlier this week. The accident, in which all 350 passengers and crew were killed, made headlines

around the world. When a jet belonging to the bucket-price airline Valujet, plunged into the Florida Everglades leaving 110 dead, Valujet was grounded by the Federal Avia-tion Authority because of its poor

in the air has a certain level of expertise and a licence. You don't know what you're dealing with on

But even as the captain of the

aircraft is offering you reassuring vords about the local weather conditions there is a world of informa-tion going into his headset that you would not only not understand but probably wouldn't want to know about if you did. To imagine an air traffic control

ler's job you must first picture the sky divided up into separate control zones, then further subdivided by separate layers determined by altitude. Each plane is represented by small blips and numbers which indicate the type of plane, its speed, altitude and destination. be. That way you won't have to concern yourself that an air traffic controller might be, in air traffic and losing track of what is happen ing on the radar screen; about to which is reported to the Federal Aviation Authority; or "fishing for

through binoculars.

The trouble is that ATCs shifts have got far harder recently and promise to get even harder. Thanks to under-investment in technology, under-staffing and a massive increase in workload, the majority are performing in what amounts to sweatshop conditions.

tubed computers which have only 1 per cent of the capacity of the We are using second world war radar screens and IBM computers from the 1960s," says US controller Teddi-Jann Casey.

Moreover, it is not uncommon for radar acreens to go completely blank for hours — even days — at a time and for the controllers to look out for air traffic by peering through binoculars. "We're deing to land and growing quenes of planes on the tarmac waiting to take off. For airport controllers, more stacks means more blips on

Their lives are further complicated by the number of relatively inexperienced pilots eager to practice in small aircraft. As one Caliare a lot of student pilots that fly in after they went on strike 15 years and out of here. They want to go to ago. Many American airports still and out of here. They want to go to Disneyland and they've got the family with them. But they've never really flown in congested air space like this. We have to deal with those things on a regular

Finally there is the language problem. According to the international civil aviation organisation. even though the international language of aviators is English, a great deal of phraseology remains

ation experts say that pilots from the former Soviet Union have alinstructions in English and their cockpit equipment is marked in

None of this has been helped by the strong push towards deregulation and the Reagan decision to sack two-thirds of US air traffic have fewer fully-trained staff than before the dispute even though the number of flights has increased by

The British government plans to push ahead with privatisation of its air traffic control system, which the unions claim will compromise safety standards. "Our opposition is not based on ideology but real concern over a safe, viable air traffic system," says Joe Ma-gee, the national officer of the air traffic controllers' union, the

Both the US and the UK are cur-

rently modernising their control equipment but even that is proving problematic. The US is planning to update its system with \$1 hillion-worth of new automated It is also considering the introducwhich would allow planes to fly directly from A to B without travelling on specific routes and using a global-positioning system for navigation. Some fear that this could make the skies a more dangerous place, rendering the air traffic controllers at best simply monitoring the traffic and at worst

obsolete. refused to be named, said that the main danger for air travellers is not the overworked air traffic con-trollers, their out-of-date equipment or even the cut-price airlines but the over-boisterous public. "Our most common problems are with the passengers — who get drunk and violent; who abuse the crew or who try and smoke in the toilets. Get rid of them and we'll be



#### Going up - by 2010 commercial departures will have grown from 14 to 22 million

air again at the end of September one American commentator quipped that a passenger without an identity card could always pres-ent his dental records. A Wall Street Journal survey predicted that at current rates there would be one Valujet-type disaster every month within a decade.

But in the meantime, despite the morbid libes even pilots insist that flying is still less dangerous than driving. As one US pilot says: "My to flying, ignorance is bliss.

Flying, as any press officer in the aviation industry will tell you,

The controller must guide the planes planes in his or her control ares— weeks off, granted if overpowering sometimes several at a time—into the airport while ensuring that him to fail a hearing test.

a tone" — looking for the two pending on finding the planes right out of the window, which is kind of a crazy way to conduct business. This is critical," says sometimes several at a time — into the airport while ensuring that they remain a safe distance apart. Most of the time, the system functions without incident. But at peak times in busy airports, things can often descend into chaos: "What a fucking system. Send 'em all to the same place and then expect us to stop 'em hitting," says one British

For a stress-free journey, it is not advisable to dwell on just how

The fact is that an air traffic controller's job is just like everybody

else's. "You've got to have two mentalities," one controller told the New York Times. "One: these aren't lives here; they are just dots. And two: even as bad as you can mess up, it's a big sky; the planes won't hit. Otherwise the stress is too much. You'd have to have a heart attack. You'd be one controller in Florida, where the radar had not been fixed for two days.

Then there's congestion. Most forecasts suggest that air travel will grow by little over five per in the foreseeable cent a year in the foreseeable future. By 2010 the annual number of commercial airline departures will have grown from 14 million to This means more "stacks" or

Add this problem to the general effects of deregulation — which has helped spawn hundreds of new no-frills airlines using old aeroplanes and badly-paid crews -and you have a rough sketch of what might have happened outside

colloquial. One American pilot, who was second in the queue to

touch down at Gatwick, received the instruction: "pop over". The

English controller meant that he should keep circling but the pilot thought he was being told to leap-

frog the first plane and land in

SO I SAID WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER 25 YEARS? AND THEY SAID

**Simon Hattenstone** celebrates a less pompous era for the quiz-show

YOU HAVE two minutes on your specialist subject, Dead Culture, starting NOW. What television programme will be killed off next year after 25 years of soporific monotony?

Which Icelandic presenter will have equalled Bamber Gescoigne's record as the longest-serving host of a continuously-running quiz despite his unbearable pomposity? Name the outz show famous for Which quiz offered its winner a

prize even duller than its Twenty-five years after Magous Magousson started, the BBC has ordered him to finish. The question we're all asking now is: How did it survive so long? Mestermind was an anachro-

nism from day one. It has never been genuinely clever like Radio's Round Britain Quiz - axed by the BBC last month one year short of its 50th anniversary. Just as we decided there was more to education than 1066 came the television quiz that exuded a bombastic gravitas true learning was the Gradgrin-dian accumulation of facts. But we have become much more discerning much more knowing, about knowledge in the past 25 years. What's the point of these

facts, we began to ask, if we don't know what to do with them. So we changed the way we tested children — we allowed them to take books and calculators into examination rooms, we encouraged them to use the raw data to produce work that showed they could make sense of what they had been taught.

But while we began to have our doubts about the value of knowl-edge, we were also bombarded by it. We could barely turn our bea without slapping it against a clump of random facts. Flick on the TV and there'd be Blockbusters an Countdown and University Chal-lenge and A Question Of Sport and Have I Got News For You? and The Price Is Right and Telly Addicts and Supermarket Sweep. Open a cupboard and a stack of Trivia Pursuit cards fall out. Go down the pub and the general knowledge quiz is digesting more losers' change. Log on to the Internet and

Finish your ice-folly and the naked stick will tell you that Philozenus was a Syriac prose writer and a champion of Monophysite doctrine.

As knowledge was democratised, it was demystified. Facts were no longer primarily gleaned from beautiful books. The ultimate fact

machine was a computer and computers were ugly and mechanical.
We invented a word for people who
knew indecent amounts about a
subject — anoralss. We saw them for what they were - bores. And we realised there was no more credibility in knowing every fact about the James Joyce canon than knowing the 95 bus timetable from Bury New Rd to the centre of Manchester.

ONE OF these knowledge junkies were quite as boring as the Mastermind contestants — dripping wet personalities with dripping wet handshakes, unsmiling, unendearing automatons. Congratulations contestant A for knowing oscheal means pertaining to the scrotum, clever boy contes-tant B for interjecting that it was

AJ Balard whom Louis Pasteur became laboratory assistant to in the late 1840s, but would you go to these people for advice, a heart-toheart, a love affair? No sirree. The one winner we all like is Fred Housego. Why? Because he was a cabble. Mastermind brings out the patronising in us. Where lies Mastermind's limited appeal? Magof schadenfreude — the pleasure of seeing smartarses come a cropper.

Excessive knowledge is unsavoury. The philosopher Jean-Francois Lyotard got it right when he wrote: "Knowledge is a matter for TV games". As Mastermind has plummeted from a peak of 20 million viewers to an average of 6 mil-lion, other quiz shows have thrived. Why? Because they em-brace their own triviality, they play the game.

So our quiz shows are hosted by all-singing, all-dancing "former" comedians, they dazzle with celebrity guests, they have youth appeal, camp appeal sex appeal and lus-cious presenters in super-short super-tight skirts to help open the door when you finally win the car.

They have great catchphrases, terthey get the audience screaming and wailing, they have scope for silly moments ("Can I have a T' please, Bob?" always got a laugh on Blockbusters in my day), they play post-modern jokes and scorn proper answers. Some even mock the very notion of knowledge, none Generation Game. If knowledge is simply learning things by rote, why not simply memorise a conveyor-belt jam-packed with hair-dryers and cuddly toys? Today's quiz shows flash their gaudy slogans at us and tell us that they are cheaper and more vacuous than any soap opera, and that they're proud of it.

Which leaves us with the haughty, defiantly middle-class, au-daciously dull Mastermind. Even University Challenge has a bit of nerd appeal with its sober students trying so hard to be icons of cool rather than swottiness. Only Mastermind wants to believe it is culturally important, an intellectual harometer. So one final question: Which corporation pulled the plug





The explorers who discovered the fabulous Chauvet cave paintings are accusing the French government of stealing the credit. But the real issue, says **John Berger** (left), is how these ancient beasts challenge our sense of artistic progress. In an open letter to the artist Marisa Camino, he takes an imaginative journey back through 30,000 years

# Secretso ne stones

SHOOTING STARS



Up... As head chorister at Christ's Hospital school, William is a trebie

Up... William goes to Oxford on a choral scholarship, then returns to the Gullahali School of Music. Wins the 1995 NFMS Young Concert Artist Award and records Terror & Magniffcence with jazzman John Herle.

And away ... This week, at 29, he's getting rave notices for his Endimion n Cavalli's La Callsto, He'll soon tether his outrageously high sounds to an opera by Harle and Eivis Costello.



ing... What makes actress Liz famous to start with? A dress that isn't even stitched together at the sides, and a loveable-fop boyfriend who makes one successful film.

**Queing** ... Hugh is caught with a lady of the night. The publicity gives Liz a chance to wheedle her way into a decent acting job. Anyone remember Mad Dogs And Englishmen?

Cone .... Now she's a film producer -- for Simian Films (props. H Grant. E Hurley). Can she get herself a respectable job on screen? Er... Delilah in a no-brainer TV movie?

Dear Marisa.

You have painted many creatures and turned over many stones and crouched for hours looking perhaps you will follow me.

Today I went to the street market in a suburb south of Paris. You can buy everything there, from boots to sea urchins. There's a woman who sells the best paprika I know. There's a fishmonger who shouts out to me whenever he has an unusual fish that he finds beautiful, because he thinks I may buy it in order to draw it. There's a lean man with a beard, who sells honey and wine. Recently he has taken to writing poetry and he hands out photocopies of his poems to his regular clients, himself looking

even more surprised than they do. One of the poems Alain hander me this morning went like this: Who put this triangle in my hand? This triangle born of moonlight Went through me without

touching me Making the noise of a dragonfly

Deep in the rock at night.

After I read it, I wanted to talk to you about the first painted animals. What I want to say is obviously something that everybody who has looked at paleolithic cave paintings must feel, but which is never (or sel dom) said clearly. Maybe the difficulty is one of vocabulary: maybe we have to find new references.

Kununurra in Australia may date back 75,000 years. The paintings of horses, rhinoceroses, ibex, mammoths, lions, bears, bison, pan-

thers, reindeer, aurochs and an owl found in 1994 in the Chauvet cave in the French Ardèche are probably 30,000 years old. The time separating us from these artists is at least 12 times longer than the time separating us from the pre-Socratic philosophers.

What makes the age of these works astounding is the sensitivity of perception they reveal. The thrust of an animal's neck or the set of its mouth or the energy of its haunches were observed and re-created with a nervousness and control comparable to what we find in the works of a Fra Lippo Lippi, a Velazquez or a Brancusi. Apparently art did not begin clum-sily. The eyes and hands of the first painters and engravers were as fine as any that came later.

There was a grace from the start. This is the mystery, isn't it? The difference between then and now concerns not finesse but and now contents not messe on space; the space in which their images exist as images and were imagined. It is here—because the difference is so great - that we have to find a new way of talking.
There are, fortunately, superb

The beginnings of art are being continually pushed back in time. Sculpted rocks just discovered at has been closed up and no public visits will be allowed. The animals on the rocks are back in the darkness from which they came and in which they resided for so long.

We have no word for this darkness. It is not night and it is not ignorance. From time to time we all cross this darkness, se everything: so much everything that we can distinguish nothing. You know it, Marisa, better than L. It's the interior from which every-

thing came. One July evening this summer, I went up the highest field, high above the farm, to fetch Louis's cows. During the hay-making sea-son I often do this. By the time the last trailer has been unloaded in the barn, it's getting late and Louis has to deliver the evening milk by a certain hour, and anyway we are tired, so while he prepares the milking machine I go to bring in the herd.

I climbed the track that follows the stream, which never dries up. The path was shady and the air still hot but not heavy. There were no horseflies as there had been the pre horseflies as there had been the pre-vious evening. The path runs like a nunnel under the branches of the trees, and in parts it was muddy. In the mud I left my footprints among the countless footprints of cows.

To the right the ground drops

very steeply to the streem. Beech trees and mountain ash prevent it being dangerous; they would stop a beast if it fell there. On the left grow bushes and the odd elder tree. I was walking slowly, so I saw a tuft of reddish cow hair caught

on the twigs of one of the bushes. Before I could see them, I began to call. Like this, they might already be at the corner of the field to join me when I appeared. Everyone has their own way of speaking with cows. Louis talks to them as if they were the children he never had: sweetly or furiously, marmuring or swearing. I don't know how I talk to them; but, by now, they know. They recognise

the voice without seeing me. When I arrived they were waiting. I undid the electric wire and cried: "Venez, mes belles, venez."
Cows are compliant, yet refuse to be hurried. Cows live slowly—five days to our one. When we beat them, it's invariably out of impa-tience. Our own. Beaten, they look up with that long-suffering air that is a form (yes, they know it!) of impertinence, because it suggests not five days, but five aeons.

They ambled out of the field and took the path down. Every evening Delphine leads and every evening Hirondelle is the last. Most of the others join the file in the same order, too. The regularity of this somehow suits their patience.

I push against the lame one's rump to get her moving, and I falt her massive warmth, as I did every evening, coming up to my shoulder under my singlet. "Allez," I told her, "allez, Tulipe," keeping my hand on her haunch, which jutted out like the corner of a table. In the mud their steps made

almost no noise. Cows are very delicate on their feet: they place them like mannequins turning on high-heeled shoes at the end of their to-and-fro. I've even had the idea of training a cow to walk on

The running sound of the stream was always part of our evening descent, and when it faded the cow water pouring into the trough by the stable where they would quench their thirst. A cow can drink about

Meanwhile, that evening, were making our slow way down. We were passing the same trees. Each nudged the path in its own way. Charlotte stopped where there was a patch of green grass. I tapped her. She went on. It happened every evening. Across the valley I could see the already mown fields. Hirondelle was letting her head dip with each step, as a duck does.

rested my arm on her neck and

auddenly I saw the evening as from

a thousand years away: Louis's herd walking fastidi-ously down the path, the stream babbling beside us, the heat sub-siding, the trees nudging us, the flies around their eyes, the valley and the pine trees on the far crest, the smell of urine as Delphine pisses, the buzzard hovering over the field called la Plaine Fin, the water pouring into the trough, me, the mud in the turnel of trees, the immeasurable age of the mountain... suddenly everything there was indivisible, was one. Later

own rate. Now they were all com-pacted together. As compact as an acrobat on a tightrope. "Listening not to me but to the logos, it is wise to agree that all things are one," said Heraclitus, more than 25,000 years after the Chauvet paintings were made.
Only if we remember this unity and the darkness we spoke of can

each part would fall to pieces at its

we find our way into the space of those first paintings.
Nothing is framed in them; more important, nothing meets. Because the animals run and are seen in profile (which is essentially the view of a poorly armed hunter seeking a target) they sometimes give the impression that they are

going to meet. But look more

carefully: they cross without meeting. This is true, even of the two

fighting rhinoceroses.

Their space has absolutely nothing in common with that of a stage. When experts pretend they can see here "the beginnings of perspective", they are falling into a deep, anachronistic trap. Pictor architectural and urban, depend ing upon the window and the door. Nomadic "perspective" is about coexistence, not about distance.

Deep in the cave, which meant deep in the earth, there was everycosp in the earth, there was every-thing. Wind, water, fire, far-away places, the dead, thunder, pain, paths, animals, light, the unborn... they were there in the rock to be called to. The famous imprints of life-size hands (when we look at them we say they are ours) these hands are there, stencilled in ochre, to touch and mark the mate frontier of the space this

presence inhabits. The drawings came, one after another, sometimes to the same spot, with years or perhaps centuries between them, and the fingers of the drawing hand belonging to a different artist.

All the drama that is later art secomes a scene painted on a surface with edges, is compacted here into the apparition that has come through the rock to be seen. The limestone opens for it, lending it a bulge here, a hollow there, a deep scratch, an overhanging lip, a receding flank.

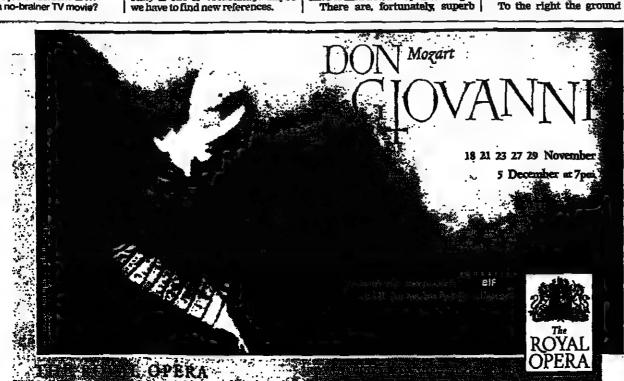
When an apparition came to an artist, it came almost invisibly trailing a distant, unrecognisably vast sound, and he or she found it and traced where it nudged the surface, the facing surface, on which it would now stay visible even when it had withdrawn and

gone back into the one. Things happened that later mil-lennia found it hard to understand. A head came without a body Two heads arrived one behind the other. A single hind leg chose its body, which already had four legs. Six antlers settled on a

single skull. It doesn't matter what size we are when we nudge the surface. We may be gigantic or small; all that matters is how far we have come through the rock.

The drama of these first painted creatures is neither to the side nor to the front, but always behind in the rock. From where they came.

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#### Hang on to your bobby socks! Here comes... **Amazing Grace**



but with a smile that big and an even bigger beebive hairdo, you know no one's going to rain on her parade. Beneath the hip trimmings, Allison Anders's Grace Of My Heart, a more than affectionate tribute to sixties American pop, is an old-

fashioned backstage musical. It's best described as an apdating of Funny Girl according to the criteria of Moio magazine — not least because its star Meana Douglas (gauche heiress Edna, who becomes streetwise Denise) is so much in the Streisand mould.

Anders's film, which Scorsese executive-produced, is a roman à clef, starting out as a fictionalised biopic of singer Carole King, then taking a detour into A Star Is Born territory, as Denise hitches up with an addled surf-pop genius —rugged Matt Dillon an improbable stand-in for the

It's inevitable when you make a film about sixtles pop that things will degenerate en route — hairdos to die for end up with Woodstock rats' nests; snappy two-minute soul operas turn into dippy West Coast me-me-me meandering. But Anders plays it for fun all the way.

Beach Boys' pudgy Brian

No sooner has Denise gone off for three years' sulking in dirndl at a West Coast com-mune than John Turturro turns up in his ludicrous wig and goatee, as her Phil Spector-like mentor, and whips everyone into party mood. Next thing you know, she's making

her solo LP. There's a strong scent of "Let's put on a show right here", but starry-eyed eagerness is the best attitude for capturing the era.

What gives the frivolity its backbone is an adept feminist slant on pop history — in one brisk anecdote, Denise writes a perfect, oblique heart-wringer hit for a secretly lesbian singer She's less successful with the story of white singers learning their tricks from black musicians, who usually didn't get to take their tunes to the bank. If you can swallow the shamelessly upheat revisionism, there are some real pleasures to be had here Foremost is a sublime collection of songs — notably a soaring piece of melodrama by Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach. No less memorable is Douglas herself, all eyes,

huge grin, skinny flaifing arms and brio, like a jolly, sery cross between Streisand, Audrey Hepburn and Olive Oyl, Who cares if she didn't do her own Singing?

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when they hit her "magic

ment to your good taste.

It's reassuring that, despite
many hours of watching QVC,
the cable shopping channel, I've
never seen anything worth buy-

ing. Apart, obviously, from the Grandfather Clock Hotel, a

timepiece and economy-sized Wendy House. I'd like to buy the whole stock and set about each

one with a baseball bat. The characteristic experience of watching QVC is one of relaxed absorption, followed by total panic. It's an experience the channel cunningly culti-vates. Each item is lovingly scrutinised to gentle music the way that bracelet looks

from different camera angles,

how it rests like a sack of spanners on the presenter's wrist. Then the presenter mentions that the one-third of the stock

has been sold in the last 15 min-

utes. Or that when this item was

last offered in September it sold like hot cakes. "There are only 37 QVC shopping days to Christmas!" a voice announces.

Must buy! Now! The Treadmill

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morning, effortlessly enthusing about the insoles, the Space Saver Cardiowalk Treadmill and the duck that quacked Old McDonald if you punched it. He's a terrific host—enthusiastic martiness and the duck that quacked old McDonald if you punched it. tic, unctuous, chummy to peo-ple who phone in.

Everyone is so nice on QVC. Nice to the extent that you feel like washing your hands after-wards. You could be in a posh

wards. You could be in a post department store, such is the bogus attentiveness and the hard sell in a velvet glove.

It's different from the seasonal TV ads that purport to minimise the expense but also stymic the joy of Christmas shopping. The screwy logic of one supermarket's pitch: "As Christmas is the time whem you'll huy most, won'll want to Christmas would be complete without a Bubble Talk Baby? Only £18.75, and doesn't she have darling blue eyes? But here's the best part. You blow bubbles and when they hit her "magic Christmas is the time when you'll buy most, you'll want to spend least." Another's self-regarding statement of principle: "Is there anything we don't sell?" "Yes: we don't sell the customer short." Come now, you're too modest. Everybody gets short-changed at Christmas. But nobody is going to be as short-changed as those who watch the adverts between Gladiators and Baywatch from today until Christmas. The Word, the axed youth show, returns as a soft-drink commercial. It's a pernicious trend: like when they hit her "magic bracelet", she speaks. "This is fun!" she says, or "I love bubbles!" No? How about a pair of elephant-tested, gel-filled massaging insoles at £15.91? That's right, elophant-tested. No? What about a Santa's sleigh on rails? It circles your Christmas tree, headed by a team of plastic reindeers. A seasonal monument to your good taste.

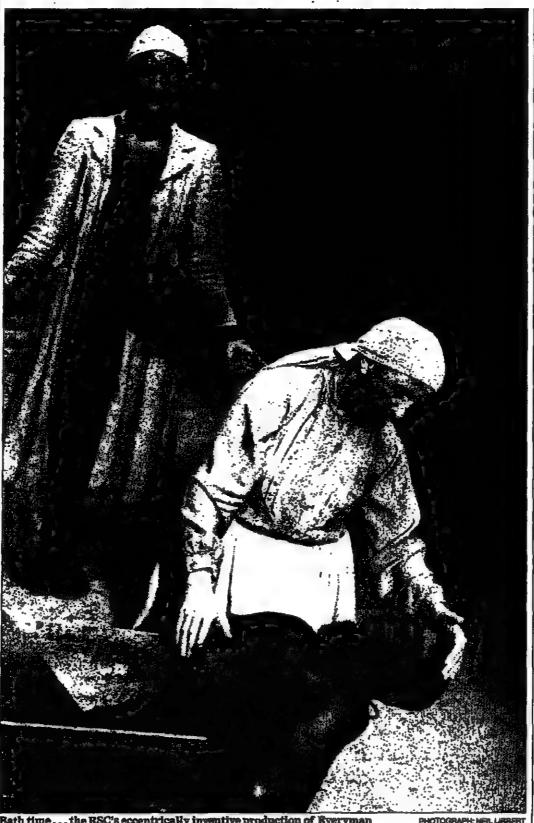
cial. It's a pernicious trend: like those ads for American beer that come complete with a cod talk show, this is a commercial that

show, this is a commercial that pretends to be entertainment. Unlike GVC, which is overtly about making purchases, but which incidentally entertains those who live to shop, this is an insidious form of broadcasting which attempts to associate pop with The Word's apparently transgressive cachet. There will be a mock lottery in which contestants eat mince utes, one of

testants eat mince ples, one of which contains dog food. It can only boost ITV's reputation for Saturday night quality.

It's produced by Planet 24, the company that made The Big Breakfast and Hotel Babylon. Bring the camera in closer a moment, could you Larry? Look at the workmanship that went into them, the attention to detail, the absolute quality, mate. Barely a millionth of what went into the gel-filled insole. The RSC is right to revive a 16th-century Morality Play - but not like this, says Michael Billington

# Everyman for himself



The let-down

OW do you present religious drama in a secular age? Bill Bryden's answer in both the Mysteries and Dennis Potter's Son Of Man was to rely on communal memory, folk rock and audience involvement. Kathryn flunter and Marcello Magni take a different tack in their production of Everyman at Stratford's Other Place. They deploy many of the physical techniques of Theatre de Complicité, from which they both hail. But their production, though eccentrically inventive, seems at odds with the gravity and purity of )W do you present reli-

odds with the gravity and purity of this 16th-century Morality Play Everyman, as scholars point out, is not a bit like other medieval out, is not a bit like other medieval Moralities. There is no battle between good and evil, no interjection of AP Rossiter's "vices, devils, squits and jocularities". It is a work of unrelieved earnestness in which God, despairing of human vanity, tells Death to go to Everyman and bid him prepare for a mortal pilgrimage. In his final journey of reckoning, Everyman is deserted by Fellowship, Kindred, Goods, Beauty, Strength and various allegorical companions. Only Good Deeds accompanies the repentant sinner to the grave and ensures his ascension to Heaven. Clearly a work like this poses problems for a modern audience. We are not used to dramatised abstractions. We are even less used to the idea of a God who arraigns mankind for "living without dread in worldily prosperity", who talks

in worldly prosperity", who talks menacingly of his "sharp rod" and who threatens unrepentant sinners with "everlasting fire". The play is a powerful product of Catholic Europe, and what it says, unequivocally is that Man can be saved only by his actions — and even then, they'd better he pretty substantial they'd better be pretty substantial.
"And they be small," in the words of
the concluding speech, "before God
be hath no help at all."
Yet I believe the play can be

made to work for a modern audience. It deals with the fear of dying, which is universal. It sees human life as something that has to be accounted for — an idea that haunts drama from Hamlet to Peer Gynt. It also taps into our residual belief that theatre should be morally improving — witness the modern popularity of An Inspec-tor Calls or Hofmannstahl's Jedermann, which every summer commons well-heeled Salzburg Festival-goers with the vanity of riches and the imperative of death. Propaganda has always been a vital part of theatre, and Everyman, at its most basic, tells we how to live.

matches the text, both of which seem to be wanting in the Hunter-Magni production. In a strange preface, Joseph Mydell's naked Everyman is given a ritual rub-down in a tin bath before going as

down in a tin bath before going as best man to Fellowship's wedding. God is a homely figure in white wig and gardening clothes. Death arrives in the tempting shape of Josette Bushell-Mingo in low-cut gown. And when the allegorical Five Wits appear, they turn out to be a ragged-arsed circus troupe doing funny business with ladders. I have no objection to modern dress. It goes perfectly well with a work that harps on the emptiness of materialism. Bryden's Mysteries also showed that you can achieve the numinous in everyday working-clothes. But although they reject medieval iconography. Hunter and Magni never replace it with anything substantial of their

Hunter and Magni never replace it with anything substantial of their own. The allegorical figures simply become clownish, sub-Complicite types, with Cousin played as a funny foreigner, Fellowship's bride as a man in drag, and Goods as a seedy Arthur Daley spix. The pervading jokiness fatally reduces the pathos of Everyman's desertion.

Only when the production resorts to basic religious imagery does it touch the heart. The sight of the penitent Everyman dragging a heavy stone or nestling in the arms of a beneficent angel is highly affecting; and when Myra McFadyen's prostrate, hempenciothed Good Deeds is raised from the ground by Everyman's scourging, our spirits rise with her. At ing, our spirits rise with her. At such moments something momentous — the salvation of the hero's soul — is at stake; at other times we seem to be watching a hectic attempt to lend tonal variety to a work whose very strength lies in its sombre unity.

I can see the problem. We have no recent tradition on which to draw in presenting medieval Morality Plays. We also lack a shared faith or fear of damnation. But these is a strange medium in which the con-viction of the actors can lead to a willing suspension of disbelief; here, however, the pervasive irony left me only spasmodically carried away by the notion that we shall all

confront a day of reckoning.

The RSC is right to revive this rarely seen play. But the challenge facing the company in its Other Place season, where Katie Mitchell goes on to direct the Mysteries, is not just to test the dramatic vitality of pre-Shakespearian drama. It is something even deeper, to recapture the spirit of a time when drama made the miraculous manifest and had a direct moral purpose. If thestre doesn't lead us to question the way we live, what is

us how to live.
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# WAVERIDING ANNE KARPF

### Flambéed Fergie

star: William Hurt to read ing The Shipping News, E Annie Prouix's award-winning Newfoundland novel for The Late Book (Radio 4). It's actually not that hard for the BBC to borrow a Hollywood star — they just love working for so little pay thereby proving their artis-tic integrity (British actors, on the other hand, have had it with artistic integrity. They've got it coming out of their ears. They

Rurt's reading has the kind of low-key, anti-acting style that never lets you forget that its speaker is a star. He buttomboles you with his intensity and assurance, sighs audibly through some of the words, and some-times speaks so softly, slowly, and mumbly, that I thought my trainy was out of juice. No British actor would dare downplay so much: though Hurt gets to do other characters too. The Shipping News is essentially narrative, full of elliptical writ-ing, arresting images — the life of an outsider. It makes a dis-tinctive serial.

Martin Kelner is the maestro of novelty songs, the captain of kitsch. Show him a car-boot sale, and he can make a programme from its unsold records. In Speak To Me Pretty he did talkie records, the hump in the throat stuff that reached the charts in the 1960s and 70s. He called Deck Of Cards a "recurring trib-ute to bad taste", and so are Kelner's programmes; though a little sparing in the cultural

analysis department, they're invariably a hoot. As for the songs, I knew them all. (Perhaps that's a definition of middle-age - when you recognise all the records in a Radio 2 pro-gramme.) But why nothing from that later, hipper, talk-singer, Laurie Anderson ("O Superman")? Kelner was followed by *The* 

Jamesons (Radio 2) in which the husband-and-wife team indulge in the kind of mock bickering that makes bystanders faint from tedium. Jameson femme also has a simpering giggle British radio. Nevertheless, in their interview with Edwina Currie they managed to get her — briefly — out of self-promotion mode and on to politics, where she had dismissive things to say about John Major's attempt to scupper European legislation on the 48-hour week.

Currie was talking politics on

a Radio 2 chat show, while BBC News and Current Affairs joined the Fergie-circuit. The Duchess of York was given a long inter-view with Sue MacGregor on Thursday's Today (Radio 4), which was neither more probing nor more revealing than the long interviews with her every-where else. In a heavily contrite voice, she spoke reasonably voice, she spoke reasonably about her mistakes. But of one crime she remains unacquitted — her debasement of language. Not only has she appropriated the language of victimology, claiming that her shopping is akin to builmia — a curlous analogy unless she offloaded her purchases soon after she made them — but her repeated references to "My Man" and "The Firm" also mark her out as the Sharon of the Royal Family. (At least she didn't say "We're a team"). It was when she declared "I'm standing here for truth" that you knew she'd been on too many American chat shows. Yet America also, it seems, has turned Fergle-weary; a reporter turned Fergie-weary: a reporter on the Chicago Tribune told Wednesday's PM that the Duchess of York was "too far down the food chain" to really excite American interest, and if

extere American interest, and in she moved there all she could expect would be seafood dinners and flambéed desserts alongside the other social climbers. Ouch.

Derek Malcolm

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### **Going to** Towns

The triumphs

THE ORIS London Juzz Festival has inspired plenty of heated oratory about where genres begin and end, but has also provided some of the alchemy that provided some of the atchemy that turns all the warring elements into gold. Wednesday's performance by British composer Colin Towns's Mask Orchestra (Purcell Room) and Thursday's by a blue-chip two-band combination of Americans John Scoffeld and Michael Brecker

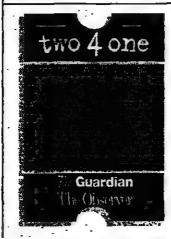
(Festival Hall) are prime example Towns delivered as dangerously ambitious a show as anything Loose Tubes might have produced. There's an impatient quality about his music that occasionally nakes it seem jittery and unfocused, and he jams in enough ideas for half a dozen performances. But the overall effect is to throw back a curtain on the materials scalable to conon the materials available to con-temporary jazz composers, and in the process galvanise improvisors. In one fast, boppish improvised exchange with altolst Peter King the excellent singer Maria Pia del Vito provided one of the unforget-table moments of the festival.

Contendet John Sociold's first. Guitarist John Scofield's first-

half performance on Thursday fur-nished a good many of the others. Since his years with Miles Davis, Scotield has often demonstrated a blend of force and subtlety of bluesy clout and melodic ambigu-ity but if the word preceding his new album, Quiet, suggested a per-formance of uncharacteristic reserve, a 90-minute blitz by a superb new Scofield band was the old mix. And saxophonist Michael Brecker wrapped up the show with the kind of manic impassiveness for which he's famous, with a band as experity tuned to his needs as Scofield's.

John Fordham

The feetival continues until tomorrow.











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Chris Hawkins expects Nicky Henderson's improving chaser to strike gold at Cheltenham

## Matt is ready for the big time

ground has played havoc with the start of the jumping season proper, no one can com-plain about the quality of the field for this afternoon's Mur-phy's Gold Cup at

The two horses heading the handicap are established class performers — Dublin Flyer, one of the gamest and most exciting jumpers in training, and the 1993 King George winner Barba Rank George winner, Barton Bank. Dublin Flyer showed all his qualities when winning this race last year when beating Egypt Mill Prince and even though he has 6lb more this

time he cannot be ignored. He palpably failed to stay in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. where Barton Bank was fourth, and apart from that one run he has always done well on this track.

Barton Bank is probably

not the force he was but the handicapper has taken note of that and. In giving him 11st 5lb, has not been hard on him. He comes into the race very fit after finishing second to One Man at Wetherby two weeks ago, but it is a worry that he has been campaigning

over three miles plus.

Never the best of jumpers,
the question is whether his fencing will hold up over this shorter trip on fast ground when there is likely to be

plenty of pace.
The conditions will suit Easthorpe, a two miler who loves a firmish surface. He is 51b better off for the four lengths he was beaten by Ki breet in the Grand Annual Chase at the Festival and it could be worth taking a chance with his stamina. He looks the each-way bet.

had the ground he would have a great chance. Essentially he looks a stayer but with the Gordon Richards stable in Once Martin Pipe booked Richard Dunwoody for Chal-lenger du Luc there was a predictable market move for the course and distance winner are troubled by the state of the ground.

Challenger du Luc has the right credentials. He is a young, improving horse at the bottom of the handicap and the ground was lively enough when he won the Cathcart Chase here at the



Little but good . . . Just Little (left), who won by seven lengths, takes the final flight with Mim-Lou-And at Cheltenham

on her defeat of Coulton and Travado at Exeter recently.

Having discussed most of those with a chance I come to

my selection Big Matt (2.55)

who finished third to Dublin

Nicky Henderson, whose

horses are just beginning to click, gave him a run at Ascot

a fortnight ago and there was a lot to like about his battling

second to the course special

He seemed to handle the

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## Date set for jockeys' strike inquiry

plinary committee has fixed December 18 as the date for their inquiry into the jockeys' strike at Haydock last month, writes

The 21 riders went against the local stewards and refused to race because they considered the course unsafe after heavy rain.

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Dancing Vision was a remarkable winner of the opening Coin Valley Game Company Chase after making a monumental blunder at the third last.

John McNamara performed miracles to stay in the saddle but the mistake seemed to take nothing out of Dancing Vision who still won easily and became a first Cheltenham winner for Irish trainer Eric

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#### Sport in brief

### **Lewis looks to London** after victory in court

LENNOX LEWIS's long-awaited chance to win back the WBC heavyweight title could take place in London early next year following a legal knock-out in a New Jersey court for the American promoter Don King.

Lewis's delayed fight with Oliver McCall has now been given

the green light under a new promoter, and Frank Maloney, the green light under a new promoter, and Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday: "There is a big possibility it will come to London, at Wembley or the London Arena, and that decision will be made in the next four days." Atlantic City is the only alternative very to London

only alternative venue to London. January 24 and February 1 are the two dates being discussed for the re-match with McCall, who in 1994 took the title from Lewis with a second-round knock-out before losing it in turn to Frank Bruno last year. Bruno subsequently failed against Mike Tyson, who has since vacated the title.

King's right to promote the fight, for which he had won the King's right to promote the fight, for which he had don't purse bid, was overturned in court because he had delayed its scheduled date beyond the 90-day deadline of December 26.

Lewis's American promoters Main Events now take over the promotion as the second highest bidders.

#### Steelers optimism put on ice

THE Sheffield Steelers, leading 4-1 late in the second period, fell foul of the Finnish referee and then ran out of steam as they lost foul of the Finnish referee and then ran out of steam as they lost 7-5 to Storhamar, the Norwegian champions, in the opening game of their European Cup semi-final group in Finland yesterday, urites Tony Allen in Hamentinna. Tony Hand and David Long-staff put the Steelers 2-0 ahead in the first period. Sheffield had two men in the penalty box when Morton Fjeld replied but Glenn Mulvenna and Longstaff again put them in control.

Just before the second interval, and with the referee's hand up for a delayed penalty to Sheffield, Tom Erik Olsen scrambled the puck home for Storhamar's second. The Norwegians then hit back strongly in the final period, going ahead 5-4 with goals from Aleksander Smirnov, Yuri Leonov and Ole Dahlstrom. Ken Priestlay did equalise but Paul Johnsen and Leonov secured both points in the final three minutes as Sheffield faded.

#### Badminton pair crack China

ENGLAND'S chances of beating China in a six-match series for the second time in succession look bright as a result of the form of the men's doubles partnership of James Anderson and Ian Pear-son, urites Richard Jogo. Their successes provided a 2-0 cushlon for the England manager Steve Baddeley to experiment in last night's third match at Rector, After coming form 2.0 in the second night's third match at Boston. After coming from 3-9 in the second game to beat Zhang Jun and Min Zhenyu in straight games at Exeter on Wednesday, they recovered again from 7-13 in the second to win at Bath on Thursday.

The Essex pair saved four game points in that Bath success, and Zhang and Min must have been relieved not to face the two 20year-olds again. Instead the unrelated Robertsons, Nathan and Julian, were selected for last night's men's doubles.

The former European champion Darren Hall won his second men's singles of the series at Bath, where the former All England champions Nick Ponting and Joanne Goode took a drawn-out mixed doubles as England won 3-2. Baddeley, however, was planning at least four changes for last night's encounter.

#### Tough luck for the Irish

Windsor

IRELAND have been placed by the International Hockey Federation in the same group as the Asian champions South Korea, the PanAm champions Argentina and New Zealand, recent winners of the World Cup preliminary, in next year's final World Cup qualifier in Kuala Lumpur, writes Pat Rowley.

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Six countries will advance from that March 4-15 event to the 1998 World Cup in Utrecht. A new president, either Juan Calzado (Spain) or Tony von Ordarza (Venezuela), will be elected at the IHF Congress in Brussels today in succession to Etienne Glichitch

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#### Cheltenham card with guide to the form

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such good form it would be no surprise to see him run well. The Irish challenger Ana-batic is hard to assess. He

beat Sound Man at Navan recently but was getting 28lb and he has not been the safest

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 Gary Moore, the Epsom trainer, is to take over his father's Woodingdean stables near Brighton. Charlie Moore, 70, who won with Apollo Red at Lingfield yesterday, said: "Gary will be coming back to take over and I am delighted. It was always my ambition that he would start training from my yard. He is a hard-working and talented boy, just as he was as a jump jockey, and I wish he had never gone to Epsom."

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KE WESTWOOD, unfazed by the presence of legends, jointly leads the Dunlop Phoenix event in Japan after two rounds. The 23-year-old Englishman, a legend only in Worksop, has spent the past two days in the company of Massahi "Jumbo" Ozaki and Tom Watson, superstars the Tom Watson, superstars the world over, but has managed to shrug aside the pressures created by their presence and, with rounds of 67 and 68, stands with Ozaki on 135, 2000. seven under par. Watson is

Westwood, who won the Visa Taiheiyo event last week, is attempting a double completed only by Ozaki and Tommy Nakajima, in 1994 and 1985 respectively. This week could add £200,000 to his and 1985 respectively. This week could add £200,000 to his bank account but, more importantly, it could establish him as an international presence, if not yet a legend, and help mightily in the matter of setting an invitation of the matter of setting an invitation of the matter of getting an invitation to Au-gusta for the US Masters. He had a chance yesterday

to lead outright, and in the most spectacular fashion. The 534-yard 18th was into the breeze and unreachable in two, and Westwood flipped a little wedge for his third shot. little wedge for his third shot. It pitched past the hole, began to spin back and, gathering pace, ran right over the hole before finishing eight feet below it. It could have been an eagle but finished as a par when Westwood's birdie putt rested on the edge and refused to drop.

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of control," he said. But, if Westwood's game had become less than compel-

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bomber jackets that the spec-tators wear provide fascinat-ing reading.

The prize yesterday went to the man whose jacket told us that: "It was a time when words were magic/A single word imparted life/You just had to make a wish/They all came true, no one could/Ex-plain it, That's the way it was." That was, indeed, the way it was.
Watson, for the second day

running, was impressed with Westwood. A lot of people ad-mire the Englishman's put-ting stroke, including Ozaki, but Watson pointed out that during yesterday's round was ween required, moved the ball from right to left and from left to right — "and that's impressive."

miss. Watson is good at the former, still hopeless at the latter, and he had no sooner hit a magnificent stroke at through a four-foot gap in the trees 30 yards away — to save par than he was missing from two feet at the 12th.

"My problem," he said, "is that sometimes I take the put-ter back on the inside and then push the ball badly, and it happened again at the 12th." Watson is such a nice man that one aches to believe these explanations but the simple fact is that the yips are

largely due to a putter that he is developing himself. He holed a 30-footer with it at the 12th for a par and that got him going to the extent of three birdles in the next four holes.

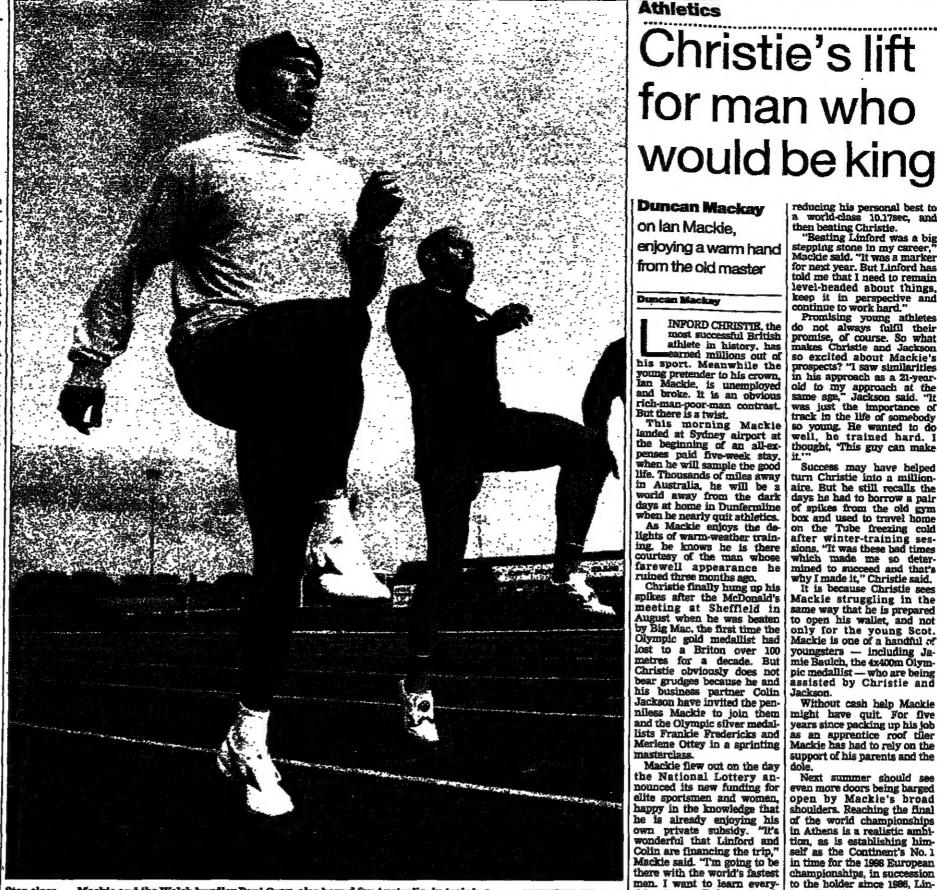
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#### The oldest swinger in town at 98

pion, celebrated his 98th birthday in Ljubljana, Slove-nia this week, 72 years after

BON STURBLI, the old- | Stukelj, only two years

then beating Christie.

"Beating Christie.

"Beating Linford was a big stepping stone in my career," Mackie said. "It was a marker for next year. But Linford has told me that I need to remain level-headed about things, then it in perspective and keep it in perspective and continue to work hard."

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Christie's lift

**Athletics** 

on lan Mackie.

Duncan Mackay

Promising young athletes do not always fulfil their promise, of course. So what makes Christie and Jackson so excited about Mackie's prospects? "I saw similarities in his approach as a 21-yearold to my approach at the same age," Jackson said. "It was just the importance of track in the life of somebody so young. He wanted to do well, he trained hard. I

turn Christie into a million-aire. But he still recalls the days he had to borrow a pair of spikes from the old gym or spikes from the old gym box and used to travel home on the Tube freezing cold after winter-training ses-sions. "It was these bad times which made me so deter-mined to succeed and that's why I made it," Christie said. It is because Christie sees same way that he is prepared to open his wallet, and not only for the young Scot.
Mackie is one of a handful of
youngsters — including Jamie Baulch, the 4x400m Olympic medallist — who are being

assisted by Christie and Without cash help Mackie might have quit. For five years since packing up his job as an apprentice roof tiler Markie has had to rely on the support of his parents and the

even more doors being barged open by Mackie's broad shoulders. Reaching the final of the world championships in Athens is a realistic ambition, as is establishing him-self as the Continent's No. 1 in time for the 1998 European championships, in succession to the holder since 1986, Linford Christie. But, while Mackie is in

thing I can off them, absorb every little tip I can." Australia working towards these goals, it is the memory of rain-lashed, freezing cold six-footer from the Pitreavie training sessions in Scotland Christie had at the same age. In 1994 Mackie won a bronze which are more likely to sus-

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movement itself, won three in the world junior 200m, plus golds, one silver and three a gold in the sprint relay. Propress as a gymnast, and still practises on a pair of by injury but 1996 saw him in improvised rings in his flat.

#### NATIONWIDE LEAGUE Weekend fixtures

Grimaby v Stoke
Norwich v Reading
Oxford Utd v Huddersfield Soccer
FA CUP — First Round
Ashlord To v Dag & Red
Blackpool v Wigan
Boreham Wd v Rushden & D'monds Oxford Utd V Huddanille
Port Vale v Sheff Utd —
Portsmouth v Man C —
OPR v Chariton —
Southend v West Brom .
Swindon v Barnsley — Boston Utd v Moracambe Boston Utd v Moracambe
Brantford v Bournemouth
Bristol Rvrs v Exeter (a-t)
Bromley v Enfield
Burnley v Lincoln
Cambridge Utd v Welling
Cardiff v Hendon
Cartiste v Shapshed Dynamo
Chester v Stalybridge
Chesterfield v Bury
Cotchester v Wycombe Volves v Birmingham (2.10).

DR. MARTENS LEAGUEN Premier Division visiting bourse; Carparidge C v Crawley Tri, Chelmstord v Dorchester; Nestings v Matendowert, Rings Lynn v Newport AFC; Belisbury v Gloucester C, Mississed Devisions of Mississed Tri, Sutton Coldision of People Register Obstitute Both Mississed Tri, Sutton Coldision Tr., Seutlands Tri, Tartwooth v Blaston Tr., Seutlands Tr., Tartwooth V Blaston Tr., Seutlands Tr., Tartwooth of Porest Girt, Fleiber Ath London v William Tr., Newport Ind. V Cindenian Tr., Newport Ind. V Cindenian Tr., Tondridge August v Fleet Tr. Trusbridge Tri v St. Lomands, Waterloom Ville v Cindenian Tr., Weston-S-Mare v Strik & Belvedore, Weymouth v Clevedon Tr., Yake Th v Bashley.

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bury v Heyorioge, Carshelton v Chitord C; Harrow Bor v Yeading, Hitchin v Dufwich, Ningsonian v Blahop's Stocdord; Stalinat v Purfeet; Yeovil v Surton Utst. Pleat, Ban-ingsicke Tr v Hampson; Sarishamsled Tn v Cheuham Ith; Carvey is v Leyton Pen-nent; Croydon v Walnon & Hercham; Mald-enthead Utd v Barton Siva; Martow v Ab-langdon Tr; Molessey v Whytelesfe; Thama-Utd v Uschridge; Yeoting & Mitcham Utd v Billericay Tr; Woldingham Tn v Soppher Re-gis Tn; Worthing v Aldorshot Th. Besenshi Burastand Alh v Heinst Hesspersed; Bark-ing v Honsham; Bedford Tn v Edpwire Tr; Bracknell Tn v Egham Th; Challens St. Peter v Cheshwit; Collier Ruw & Noordord v Tilbury; Dorsking v Witham Tn; Mit Polico v Warre; Wignebiey v Leighton Th: Windson & Elon v Hungerford Tn; Winschon Tn v Leshurbead. Talinia Aroloy v Wingste & Finchley; Cambarley Tn v Epson & Erdiz E Titurnos. Und v Hernehurste; Flackwell Hith v Kingsbury Tn; Harlow Tn v Clapter; Northesson Res v Sentitives Tn; Tring Tn v Lawwer; Weeldchon v Bouthall. Resident Divisions Conceptor Beiles v Southempton Saints (2,0); Biseston Tn Ladies v Everten Ladies (2,0); Liverpool FC Ladies v Trammere Row Ladies (12,0); Milwell Limesses v Arsenti Ladies (2,0); Wernhold Ladies v Conydon Ladies (2,0);

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TOUR MATCH: Oxford Univ v South Africa
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v Bath (2.30); Diot v Toulouse (3.30);
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v Lianelli (1.45).

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Clemont-Perrand (2.0); Castree v Toulon
(8.20); Northampion v Mirrhonese (3.60);
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Coventry; Stackhessin v Valuellett; London
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Rockheshem v Mosceley (2.15); Rugby
v Waterloo. Threes Citton v Harrogale;
Fyide v Exeter (2.30); Havant v Marginett;
(2.30); Liverpool & Halene v Roselyn Park
(2.30); Morley v Leede; Olley Reading
(2.15); Redruth v London Weish (2.30);
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v Kendal (2.15); Sheffield v Naneston (2.20);
Winnington Park v Worcester (2.30);
Seetia Camberley v Askasan (2.20); Cheltenham v High Wycombe (2.30); Teshard v
Plymouth (2.30); Horrison (2.30);
Willed (2.30); Morley (2.30); Leniev v
Berming (2.20); Morley Police v Charlesn Park;
North Watshram v Newbury (2.30); Teshard v
Plymouth (2.30); Ruston-S-Mary v Berny
Hill.

MELSH RATIONAL LEAGUEE (2.30);

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U-21 INTERNATIONAL: Freind v NZ News (2:30, Thomand Pt. Umerick). TOUR MATCH: Lynagh's XV v Queens-land (Spreams).

Rugby League
RATIONAL COMPERENCE LEAGUE
(2.30): Premier Dudley Hill v Leigh Minsts. Hewsth v Saddlewcht; Lock Lene v
Beverley, Cidham St. Annes v Mayfield.
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Estimoor, Outon v East Leads. Second
Divisions: Devision v Moor v Ecoles;
Feetherstone Ansissar v Skirlaugh; Hull
Dockers v Redhill (2.30); Millord v York
Actum; Nam Eastwick v Share Cross;
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MATIONAL CUP: Querier-Cheir Themes
Valley v Leopards (S.O).

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Oxford v Ware (S.O): Plymouth v Guildford
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lpswich v Sirmiogham (7.30); Northampton
v Rhondde (8.0); Thames Valley v Crystal
Palace (5.45). Twenerrown Notimpham v
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Invarielit.

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Harborne v N Notis; Olton v Nortingham.

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Timperisy; Harrogam v Ramgarhia; Neston v Norten: Springfields v Bankers;
Swelbe Anchorlans v Woking; Bedisnham

Bournemouth.

Weet: Bath Bucco v Whitchurch; Bristol
Unit v Robinsons; Lian & Lian v Swansons;
Plymouth v T Vale; WSM v Clevedon.

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Bay; Pontypridd v Swanson.

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Ealing v Canterbury (1.75); Cambe Univ v
Cambe Clip; Old Loughtonians v Spawich if;
Sherwood v Hempton (12.0); Weking v
Taddington; Southgate v Wimbledon
(12.15).

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Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

F WELSH fans thought

losing 7-1 was the ulti-mate in humiliation

they were soon in for a shock. Three supporters, who wish to remain anony-

mous, retreated to Amster-

dam after last Saturday's hammering in Eindhoven

and somehow found them-selves inside a red-light dis-

trict peep show.
To their surprise, the naked lady on shift took one look at the boyos.

mouthed in a cockney twang: "Are you Welsh?"

then made a sheep noise be

fore departing to let in the

But she soon returned, still naked, and went from window to window laugh-ing heartly and brandish-ing a piece of paper with Saturday night's score writ

large upon it.
As one witness remarked:
"That woman earns her liv-

ing parading naked in front of people, spreading her legs, doing all sorts of sexu-

ally provocatively things, and she thinks she has the

right to take the piss out of the Welsh football team and its supporters. And

what's worse, she's right.'

SiGN of more hard times in the Valleys. The FA of Wales always take six of

its councillors to away games. The choice is made in turn from the 20 or so men in office.

So there they all were in Bindhoven, all six proudly kitted out in those padded

manager's coats embla-zoned with the logos of Wales and the shirt spon-

sor. Unfortunately for the

councillors, the coats had to be handed back on their

return to Cardiff - so they

could be given to the next

DOUBTS have been cast on the story that Tre-vor Brooking received his

gashed head playing in a media football match in

Georgia. Some people have

it on good authority that he just fell off the fence.

EMEMBER Chelmsford

City? Sure you do. They

next woman.

## Lee vows to ride out the storm

day reacted to the lat-est round of supporter unrest at Maine Road by insisting that he will stay on as Manchester City chairman. Lee also said that the club had no plans to sell Georgi Kinkladze despite Lee, who has overseen four

managers this season, was barracked after City's 3-2 home defeat by Oxford on Wednesday when hundreds of fans besieged the front entrance to call for his removal. When you hear the things that were said it hurts," he said yesterday, "But I have made a large investment in

This club can now generate its own income and is an attractive proposition for anybody who is a serious investor. I have come so far and I think I have done so much even if it doesn't seem to be

apparent at the moment. If I walk away from it now. I would be admitting defeat and missing out on what could be a much better period and brighter future for the

Today City travel to Portsmouth hovering above the relegation zone. Kinkladze will look at the situation," added Lee, who has Kinkladze tied to a contract until 1999 and has denied that the deal has an escape clause

"Gio is very happy at Man-chester City and I think he is very loyal to the club in staying here. But, so far as his career is concerned, if we were unable to reclaim Premiership status for next year we would have to think again in the boy's best interests."

Southampton's manager Graeme Souness has put 13 players on the transfer list in a bid to recoup some of the tempting to revive the club's fortunes. Gordon Watson, until last month the club's record signing at £1.2 million. The Dutch defender Ken

Monkou, a 2750,000 signing from Chelsea, is also avail-able along with Neil Heaney, Neil Maddison and Francis this club and I will not be Benall, Souness said: "We have brought in eight new players this season and there will be more to come in the future.

"It's a case of trimming the wage bill and recouping some of the cash we have spent. We will allow these players to leave if the right offer comes

Israel's premier striker Ronan Harazi is set to join Sunderland for £400,000 from Beiter Jerusalem. The 26play, and Lee believes he will stay at least until the end of the season. "If we were to stay in the First Division next year, then we would have to stay year deal."

Scottish round-up

## Farry faces Fifa charges

Patrick Glenn

IM FARRY, the chief ex-ecutive of the Scottish FA, has been reported by the Fifa executive to the world body's disciplinary committee over alleged

Johansson is said to have been upset by newspaper reports implying he had behaved improperly when chairing last week's Fifa organising committee meeting at which Scotland were ordered to re-arrange the Esto-nia game they thought bad been decreed a 3-0 win and which forced the captain Gary McAllister to miss the match against Sweden last

Johansson, a Swede sald he had received hate mail from Scottish fans and that it had upset his family. The SFA yesterday received a fax from Fifa informing them that Farry would have to answer

It was addressed to the SFA turn asked Fifa to specify the what I am supposed to have done." said Farry. "We are seeking clarification. The next slep is that they will either say I am being charged they cannot find anything non, signed from Dundee with which to charge me."

During his media briefing after the Estonia and McAllister decisions Farry did not mention Johansson by name although he was asked what he thought of the part played by the president, who is on the Swedish FA board. Tommy Burns, the Celtic

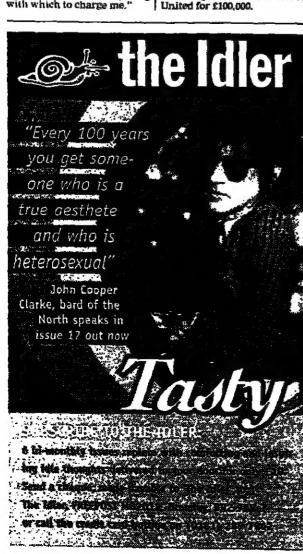
remarks he made concerning
Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa.

manager, appears at the January meeting of the SFA's disciplinary committee to comment on his banishment to the stand during Thursday's defeat by Rangers. He is likely to be banned from the dug-out.
The referee acted after the

Celtic manager harangued a linesman. In October Burns, who yesterday confirmed that he will fine himself for "letting down the fans and the club", was fined \$3,000 by the authorities for clashing with a match official last season. Celtic's 1-0 defeat was the Ibrox side's second straight win against them this season

and took Rangers back to the top of the Premier Division. Burns yesterday insisted that he will not change the club's aggressive but entertaining style of play but admitted he is aware of the need to strengthen a midfleld which has been without the injured Paul McStay and Phil O'Donnell all season.

Hearts face Hibernian at Tynecastle this affernoon when the Hibs defence will be with the following or that strengthened by Rab Shan-





Balletic battler . . . Vieira manages to look elegant even while fighting for the ball during Arsenal's midweek Coca-Cup replay against Stoke City

## Vieira gives Wenger reason to smile

Paul Weaver on the French midfielder helping Highbury forget its sleepy Saturday afternoons of long balls and flat batteries

face, lean and lined behind stern glasses, appeared besieged by newspaper speculation at Ar-senal's sun-dappled training headquarters at London Col-

So the approach of a repor-ter armed with Sony, pen and Big Value Jotter brought the manager's thoughtful stroll to an abrupt halt as his face hardened even more. When it was explained that the subject would be Patrick Vieira, his features softened and he dredeed up a watery smile.

Wenger is better on Vieira than Vieira is on himself, partly because the player's English is so limited that his nickname at Highbury is What? But it is also because there is a self-consciousness about the vounester that suggests he finds true articulacy only in his wonderfully styl-ish game, which is rich with pace and vision, passing and

reading. "I think there are a number of areas he could improve in," schoolmasterly tone.

says Wenger, adopting a schoolmasterly tone. "He could be stronger in the air. His finishing could also be better and so could his long passing. But then I remember could become.

"He reads the game so well, he accelerates very impressively and he is a great fighter and a good passer of the ball.

"It is difficult to find a midgood appreciation of the ball. But Patrick has all these things. And he looks tall and strong-running with the ball. He already has the Arsenal spirit, which is something to consider whenever I look at a

Highbury has become the butt of many stand-ups' ridi-cule. The old certainties are crumbling. This, remember, used to be the place where one could catch up on one's sleep; it was the ground of long balls and long Saturday afternoons where one would have a belly of welly and doze off to the yergh-yergh-yergh of another flat-batteried

The previously unknown Vieira, tall and poised and operating in the centre of mid field — someone has de-scribed him as Paul Davis in high heels — has changed all

RSENE WENGER's that he is only 20 and I think that. He says: "Arsenal is a face, lean and lined what a really great player he great club but the directors wanted to give the side a new dimension and that is where I come in."

Bruce Rioch was still Arsenal manager when the France Under-21 player was bought from AC Milan for fielder who is good defensively, good at moving the game forward and who has a the Dutch champions, had already tried to land him but h made his Arsenal debut as substitute in the 4-1 win over Sheffield Wednesday, when Pat Rice was the stand-in

> "I felt very tired and wa looking at the clock all through the last quarter-hour chanting ny name, I forgot all about it," he says.

"It was frustrating having a knee injury at the beginning but I like the physical side of the English game. I think its passion and atmosphere suit me." This sounds pretty good English — but he said it all in French.

says: "From the moment I first saw him play I knew this boy would be a star. He's very versatile and played at the back against Wimbledon

"Wimbledon are a tough | Wright has become a better side to play against but Pat-rick coped very wall. It usu-ally takes time for a youngster to be accepted by older, senior players but the thing about Patrick is that everyone took to him and respected

him from the start. "He already plays as if he has a lot of experience. His reading of situations is out-standing and so is the way he wins the ball back and uses it intelligently. I think (an



Vleira . . . rich in vision

player because of him." Wright says: "Patrick has been brilliant for the team

and for me. He has set up so many chances for me with his passing, especially the goals I got against Middlesbrough and Blackburn." Vieira's midfield partner

David Platt said yesterday: "I would say he's Marcel Desailly with quicker feet. They really twinkle. And he's so strong in moving from de-fence to attack. He looks so confident and comfortable."

Vieira born in Dakar, Senegal, has always been mature standing 16-year-old, played huge advertising campaign for Tours at 17 and, when he for a new drink. Red Card. 19 the youngest captain in the French league. His Milan manager Roy McDemourle career came to so and the sound of the soun career came to an end when he tore knee ligaments in the French squad's build-up to ing most red cards in a the Atlanta Olympics; the injury kept him out for three

Today's game against Manchester United and his fellow Frenchman Eric Cantona will provide an opportunity to measure in full the possibilities of this Arsenal side and of Vieira.

When Cantons arrived at Leeds he gave interviews on art, philosophy and politics. sticking sensibly to the football.

of the league."
Pollock, who cannot make

his debut for Bolton against

Crystal Palace today because

he has yet to be re-registered with the Football League,

said: "Sometimes in life you

make decisions that don't go

as planned. I've learnt a les

son, it's been a funny experi-

ence. But, if anything, I'm more excited about football

than I was in my last couple of months at Middlesbrough."

Birmingham City's manag-ing director Karren Brady

yesterday went to court to hear that charges against her

under trading standards laws

had been dropped. However,

City were fined \$20,000.

were the team splashed on billboards nationwide in a huge advertising campaign

playing career. It was all bailed as a major sponsorship for such a minor club. Well, something else has been given the red card at Chelmsford since the advertising link-up: success. The Dr Martens Premier Division side has won just two of 15 league games this season, sits second bottom of the table, was knocked ont of the FA cup by a Jewson League side, beaten in a local cup by a junior club, Stansted, and booed by its

Then on Thursday came another red card for McDonough: he was sacked as manager. Time for a drink Roy, though perhaps not of Red Card.

own fans.

AND still Manchester City fans retain their tense of humour. When City scored two goals in two minutes in the home defeat by Oxford on Wednesday night, it was too much for Maine Road's new electronic scoreboard which went blank for about 10 minutes. Cue chants from the Kippax: "Score-board, scoreboard, what's the score, scoreboard, what's the score,"

APPARENTLY after the Oxford defeat some of the City fans said they could now understand why Neal and praying go together.

HERE is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Paul Gascoigne is so cerebally challenged he thinks that a cortisone injection is a high-performance car.

BERNARD LOWERY is insistent: paying five managers at once is not good business, particularly if your club is Darlington and you are in the Third

Division. Yesterday the Quakers' chairman released the annual report which revealed details of staggered severance payments to four former managers which meant that, at one stage, Frank Gray, Billy McEwan, Alan Murray, Eddie Kyle and Ray Hankin were all on the Darlington payroll. No wonder the club can't afford a striker.

#### Uefa head causes outrage over racist comments in interview

the presidency of the world governing body Fifa, woke up to a storm of criticism from his native Sweden esterday. The head of the Europes

governing body Uefa, who is on holiday in Germany. has had to apologise for comments he made in a newspaper article referring to Africans as "blackies". Johansson, seeking to quell outrage over an earlier newspaper interview, told the Aftonbladet daily newspaper that he was not a racist and had not intended to insult Africans. Johansson was quoted in the same newspaper on

terms to describe black

people, calling them a Swedish word which trans-

ENNART JOHANSSON. lates as "darky" or "blackie". He used the term when discussing events at a overning body Fifa, woke meeting in South Africa. "When I got to South Af-rica the whole room was full of blackies and it's fucking dark when they sit down all together. What's more it's no fucking fun when they're angry," Jo-hansson was quoted in a

lengthy interview.
The 67-year-old Johans son admitted he had been correctly quoted by the newspaper. He said: "I am sorry. I cannot recall swearing so many times but that doesn't affect the contents. I cannot recall using the term "blackie" but on the other hand I can't exclude it. I am not a racist. I apologise to any-one who interpreted the interview as if I was one."

#### A N Other

football talent was crammed into this small Scottish frame. He played for only two clubs either side of the border and will be remembered by the sup-porters of both for the occasionally his temper. But it was the quickness of thing, which distinguished a playing career stretching from paradise to a red sun-set. He was particularly close to a roguish doctor.

Last week: Phil Neal (Northampton. Liverpool, Balton



Richard Gough (Rangers), the rock that broke the

#### Moore gets a Derby day "And you can't get better than to join a club that's top Robson and his assistant Viv Anderson were in Lon-don yesterday but club offi-cials said they were neither

IDDLESBROUGH will replace their wander-ing star Emerson with a 21-year-old Irishman who is earning one tenth of the Brazilian's £20,000-a-weel

vages. Alan Moore will fill Emer son's sizeable boots at Derby tomorrow as Middlesbrough attempt to sort out the chaos caused by the Brazilian's failure to return. "He's going to be a really good player," said Bryan Robson. The midflelder is a Repub-

lic of Ireland international and came on as a substitute against Iceland last weekend He picked up a slight injury but has recovered sufficiently to make his first league start

Emerson moving to Barce long in a player plus cash

Jamie Pollock yesterday completed his £1.5 million move to Bolton from Osasuna. The former Middlesbrough midfielder moved to Spain at the start of the season but became disenchanted with life abroad. "I had a precarious

meeting Emerson nor negoti-ating transfers. Middles-brough were again linked with the 30-year-old Barce-

lona defender Miguel Angel Nadal A deal could involve

two months in Spain and it's nice to come back," he said.

Team sheet

Villa's captain Andy Townsond misses out with a brokes nose sustained on international duty lest week. Mark Boarden is still out with a lone injury, so Michael Opkas deputiese, Lelesster's old boys Julian Joshin and Mark Draper contest a place. Sieve Watah is missing for Lelosster by Kasey Kater plays before heading to the US and instelling three club matches. The Sweder Pontes Kaseyas is in the squad for the linat line in a year.

Blackburn v. Chesses. Blackburn v Chelses

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Dancen Ferguson, out for live games, played for Everten receives on Tudocky said is added to the styled.

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Liverpoor's heat Ruddock looks Marly to retain his place at the expense of Phil Babb but James Redurapp, who accorded in midwesk, is unfiltely to start.

Roy Kagne is suspended for United but Ryan Giggs is fit edger als matches (call). Dents Invin has a late offset on a lone. Arremait's John Hartson completes a three-match ban and there is a doubt over Higgs Winterburn, who damaged a him-string in midwest. Paul Merson le fit.

Andy States and Real Fox may return for Spurs but they are unlikely to risk Darren Anderfon, still indexing eiter set matches former and between the

replacement Lee Howey out for the weeks with a broken anklo. Sunderland have still be reveal who partners Andy Metritle in central detains. There is a possibility of Caresh Hall or Martin Scott moving from full-back and Darliuss Kubicki returning. Martin Smith attande by for his Premieranip

Coventry may risk Dion Dutslin, who has been under treatment for a grain strain. Peer hidions (toses) and David Surrows (grain) are also fit.

Jacob Leurenni (antide) looke aure to be fit for Darby while Mait Carbon has quercorre an artise problem but is unitingly to start. Jop 38/mer is auspended, so Quen Yales fines up in a three-man central detence with Paul McGrath and Gary Rowett. Dean Storridge has recovered from a bruised graike.

Middlesbrough's Nigel Peanson (nock) is likely to miss a econd methy while the midfletter Phil Stamp has cut prouble. Alex Mexico is in floot for the start prouble.

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Stephen Bierley finds the big two playing it cool as they move ever closer at the Nationals in Telford

## Henman laid-back on Rusedski

HE power of a single individual to lift the public's perception of a sport can never be underestimated, and there is no doubt that Tim Henman's success this year has considerably raised the profile of tennis in Britain. All things are relative, however, and Henman knows as well as anyone that, after a year of promising results, he now must start to win interleast get to a few finals.

That surge to the quarter-finals at Wimbledon crystallised his progress in the eyes of the crowds and television viewers, even if two of his four wins were against British players, Luke Milligan and Danny Sapsford, who have been conspicuously unsuccessful at the Nationals hare this week. here this week

Yesterday both Renman and Greg Rusedski further confirmed that they are easily the two best players in the country, with Henman defeating Nick Gould in straight sets and Rusedski scoring an equally emphatic win over Tom Spinks.

that both players will win their respective semi-finals against Chris Wilkinson and Paul Robinson to set up a repeat of last year's final when Henman, then virtually

unknown, won his first National title 1-6, 6-3, 6-2. Henman's fans might have been taken aback yesterday if they had heard him say of this putative Rusedski encounter that he would "very much like to win but, if I were to lose, I would not lose any sleep. I'm fairly relaxed about it."

It is impossible to imagine any American talking in such sedski himself. It is unlikely Henman meant to sound complacent but he did.

The two met for a second time last month in the second round of an ATP tournament won, this time in straight sets by 7-6, 7-5. "There's a healthy rivalry between me and Greg. I'm sure he hasn't enjoyed los-ing and I think he would defi-

**Rugby Union** 



Focus of attention . . . Greg Rusedski keeps a starn eye on his backhand against Tom Spinks in yesterday's quarter-final

nan, who, win or lose, never public, leaned forward on his sest to re-emphasise the point that he had twice responded to Rusedski's challenge with

Rusedski's serve is nicely grooved and he has been using a top-spin backhand with growing confidence, albeit

EIL BACK, the sporting embodiment of John Wells. "During my laying embodiment of John Wells." During my laying and 14st 7lb). "I suppose my the slogan "small is off I continued to train hard strengths are keeping the hall beautiful", will perform before an armchair audings, an RFU fitness adviser, sure and setting up positive

Mr Richards when it comes to

eating — he has 12 Westabix and half a dozen pieces of

toast to keep him going."
Bob Dwyer, Leicester's di-

Both Dwyer, Leicester's di-rector of rugby, regards Back as an indispensable element in the revolution at a club renowned for its obsession with the rolling maul. "Neil has pace, great hands and ter-rific upper-body strength for

play can help make it a lot easier for us to get there."

easier for us to get there.

Back acknowledged that his time may have come at last after years of being described as too small, too lightweight.

dience of millions today and I have never felt as strong when the BBC screens the second half of Leicester's "I took a lot of advice on

European Cup quarter-final nutrition and I now eat break-against Harlequins. nutrition and I now eat break-fast with the rest of the Leices-

against Harlequins.

The high-profile return of the former England open-side flanker for his first home fast with the rest of the Leicester boys after our morning training sessions. But I wouldn't try to compete with

may earn him international recall. Having served a sixmonth ban for pushing the referee Steve Lander at the end of last season's Pilkington Cup final, Back marked his comeback with a try in last week's Angio-Welsh Cup play can help make it a lot season's Try us to set there."

coach Brisn Teacher.
"I feel in control out there now, more mature on the

court. I don't feel any sort of panic and this helps, particu-larly if you happen to be going through a had patch." Rusedski's opponent today Paul Robinson could only

stand and stare in his quarter-final as Lincolnshire's Andrew

strengths are keeping the dan alive, recycling it under pres-sure and setting up positive links with the backs," he reflected. "Hopefully I can utilise those skills in the flexi-ble 16-man game we want to play, and perhaps attract the attention of the England man-agement, who have not been

agement, who have not been in touch with me since I was

banned. I hope that's just be-

cause I haven't been playing."

Back, who has five caps, has always stuck to his expla-

has always sinck to his expla-nation that the push on Lander was a case of mis-taken identity — allegedly he thought Bath's Andy Robin-son was in his way. The Leicester faithful have no doubt that their favourite

pocket battleship was more victim than villain. "Each time I came down to

watch Leicester play, the first question supporters asked me was: What date will you start

playing again?" I've received

a warm welcome," he said. Certainly the incident was

out of character. The blond flanker is noted for his sports-

manship and fair play in an all-action position not nor-

and, therefore, too peripheral mally associated with such Back . . . suspension over

approach to the game with his | some of the tennis he played," said Robinson, a former pupil of Repton school who spent three years at the Texas Chris-tian University in Fort Worth. Robinson then lost his open-ing serve in the second set fore a mis-hit shot squeezed

a nunch on an opponent.

doubly mystifying. However, all that is history.

"T'll focus my energies totally

on beating Harlequins, who are a very strong side as their form in the league this season demonstrates," promised

which makes that costly push

Today's women's final will him back into the match and see a new national champion emerge when Claire Taylor plays a fellow left-hander Julie Pullin. Taylor came from 5-3 I suppose, with Andy being a

Jamie Delgado, prior to Hen-man's vaulting intervention, was seen as Britain's great hope for the future. He is still Clare Wood, last year's champion and three times winner of the title in all. British women's tennis only 19 but, after taking the

remains in the doldrums but for sheer on-court effort Taylor cannot be faulted. "I didn't acfirst set against the 26-year-old tually know I was 5-3 down, she said with a grin. But she knew when she had won all right; the little leap and punch of the air owed everything to Match of the Day. Catch Hen-

## Back pushes for England recall Andrew set for return with

Robert Armstrong on the tigerish flanker desperate to make up for lost time as Leicester take on Harlequins in the European Cup game could go all the way in the competition. Our previ-ous meetings with Harlequins OB ANDREW, whose put Australia out of the have always been close affairs. It's a big opportunity for everyone to show what the Wallabies in the final match of their current tour Meanwhile Bath have axed Andrew, who retired from the international game three England internationals Jonathan Callard, John Mal-lett and Robinson for their quarter-final against Cardiff, a 14,000 sell-out at the Arms Park Their places go to Jason Robinson, Victor Ubogu and Nathan Thomas respectively,

Wallabies

enham on December 7. His club-mate Tim Stimpson, who makes his Eng-land debut next week, has declined the chance to take the weekend off and plays at London Scottish today. Two other England debutants. Andy Gomarsall of Wasps and Bath's Adedayo

Adebayo, also play for their • Scott Hastings is the 40th player to sign a full-time contract with the Scottish burgh Wanderers, has been

was cited in the league match against Portobello FP on October 12. Second-round scores: 409 Australia; 203, 206: 448 Finland 208, 210; Canada; 213, 205. 440 Finland 208, 210; 210, 210; Sweden 210, 210; 421 Britain 213, 208, 492 United States 211, 211, 428 New Zealand 215, 206; Spain 213, 210, 4244 indig 21

1995 World Cup, could face of Britain and Ireland. after taking over as New-castle's director of rugby a year ago, has been invited to play for the Barbarians against Australia at Twick-

went on to claim four for 63.

Rugby Union.

Tim Grady, an Australian who captains Edin-Northampton against Narbonne in their European Conference quarter-final at
Franklins Gardens today.
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## **Tetley pulls out** amid fear over drunken fans

day lost one of its best-known sponsors when it was announced that Carlsberg Tetley, which has pumped more than £10 mil-lion into the game over five years, has cut short an agreement originally planned to ex-tend until September 1999. Officially the company has

Officially the company has decided not to exercise its final two-year option. However, there are those who will link the news with growing concerns within the game exercise drinking at concerns within the game over excessive drinking at grounds. Last summer doubts were raised over the probity of having a brewer sponsor ing the England team after drunken spectators were ejected from Headingley amid ugly scenes during the Paki-

An announcement on a new sponsor is expected on Tues-

keting director, said last night that there has alread been "significant interest"

among potential sponsors.

David Hopps writes: Tet ley's will continue to sponsor Yorkshire, who found them-selves at the centre of fresh controversy yesterday af-tertheir president Sir Law-rence Byford, the driving force behind the planned move to a new multi-millionpound stadium, was belittled at a public meeting called to

businessman who won con-trol of Headingley a month ago, was scathing about York shire's refusal to discuss his redevelopment plans for the historic Test ground while the proposed £50 million White Rose Stadium has a

chance of being built.
Caddick ridiculed Wakefield Council's Labour leader Colin Croxall as a fake Father Christmas who was promiscantre on the nature of the new benefactor's business.

Terry Blake, the Test and County Cricket Board's mar
Christmas who was promising a new ground for nothing.

But Caddick warned the "Headingley is Home" meeting: "The funding for the new site is unrealistic."

#### Tour match

Australian Cricket Academy v England A

## **Guile of Giles** lifts tourists

Andy Wilson in Mount Gambier

■ NGLAND A's form continued its upward trend as Rod Marsh's Australian Cricket Academy young-sters were dismissed for 258 on a slow pitch, despite the absence of the tourists' strike bowler Dean Headley.

the 19 South Australian wick-ets to fall in England's remarkable 12-run victory in Adelaide completed on Mon-day but spent the first two sessions yesterday carrying the drinks and most of the last in an aeroplane.

No, it was not a low-flying Tiger Moth; and yes, he did seek permission from the tour management before joining Marsh's wife and a local pho-tographer to enjoy an aerial said Graveney. "They've view of the spectacular Mar-ist Park Ground.

"He was the only one brave enough to go up," said the tour manager David Graveney. While Headley was airborne, his team-mates were busy whittling out the final seven Academy wickets for 99 runs.

After being put in by Adam Hollicake on a pitch which was still moist, they recovered from 34 for three thanks to a partnership of 125 between the 20-year-old Western Australian opener Michael Dighton and Shawn Craig, a 23-year-old left-hander from Victoria.

At times in the afternoon England looked ragged but the stand was broken in the last over before tea when Craig was bowled by Ashley Gles, who then had Dighton leg-before trying to sweep shortly after the interval. He

The Warwickshire left-arm spinner, who left his native Surrey after being told to bowl seam, is having a fine tour and now matches Head-ley as the leading wicket taker with 14 at an average of little more than 20.

Andrew Harris of Derby-shire also impressed yesterday, taking his first wicket of the tour in a lively seven-over opening spall, then returning with the new ball to grab an-other and finish with two for 28 from his 10 overs.

Peter Such was typically economical in his two lengthy his first two wickets of the tour on what was a slow-turn-

"It's been a difficult day be cause the wind has been swirling around but the lads remained positive throughout the day and that's good to

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• Derbyshire's captain Dean Jones stroked an unbeaten 121 for Victoria against South Australia in their Sheffield Shield game in Melbourne his 51st first-class century helping his side to 270 for five at the end of the first day.

#### **Openers punish West Indies**

WEST INDIES bowlers suffered a blow to their morale yesterday in the final game before the first Test against Australia when Matter and Matter thew Elliot and Matthew Hay-

runs from 20 overs while Ian Bishop was the most economi-Australian XI amassed 316 without loss on the opening day of a four-day match at Bellerive Oval in Hobart.

At the close Filippe and the same to conservation of the game to conservation up the game to conservation. legal career. The 29-year-old made his county debut in 1987, made 153 and Hayden 143 made his county debut in 1987, against a West Indies pace was capped in 1992 and twice attack missing Curtly Ample passed 1,000 runs in a season.

Rugby League

game of the season could hardly be more timely given

that the Tigers are defending

an unbeaten run in Europe while England are poised for

next Saturday's international

against Italy at Twickenham.
Back is no longer a member
of the England squad but
nurses the hope that a series

of compelling club displays may earn him international

victory at Neath.
"In the first minute the

Neath pack rolled right over me and I just felt happy to be back," said Back, who today resumes his old-firm partner.

## Super take-off in Australia

Paul Fitzpatrick

FTER almost two years of bitter strife it took only a few minutes yesterday to remove the final obstacle to the launch of Super

League in Australia.
The Australian Rugby League was refused leave to appeal against a court decision which went in Super League's favour on October 4, and that is expected be the end of the court battles.

Even Ken Arthurson, the ARL's executive chairman, sounded relieved when he said: "The good news now is that the arguments should be confined to the playing field." The situation, however, is far from ideal. Two competitions will run next year, with 12 clubs aligned to the ARL

Some clubs aligned to the ARL are expected to jump ship and join Super League, which offers players better prospects for international football. After winning an apparently sweeping court victory in March, the ARL is

now practically isolated. Yesterday's decision was greeted with enthusiasm at Rugby League headquarters in Leeds. "It has been almost two years since the legal battle started and it has been an enormous strain on everyone," said Maurice Lindsay.

the chief executive.
"Now that Super League has cleared the last legal battle we can concentrate on rebuilding the game, which was undoubtedly damaged

and 10 to Super League, and that will create friction.

That rebuilding will start on Wednesday when the RFL Wednesday when the RFL reveals next season's fixtures, which will include a 22-club

international competition. Henry Paul, Wigan's 22-yearold Kiwi back, now playing union for Bath, has declared himself available for the chal-lenge match with St Helens on for 25 years, will depart at the Boxing Day and insists that

gamala (Wasps) and Gary Con-nolly (Harlemins), to be available too, along with their One major complaint is the signings from Auckland Warriors, David Murray and Stubig events such as the UK

riors, Davio Mutray and Store as the UK Championship, which started in Preston yesterday.

Wigan for the £10,000 due to them when Terry O'Connor made his Great Britain debut this summer within the same." this summer.

#### Snooker

#### Spencer quits WPBSA board

OHN SPENCER is resign-Ving from the board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association after seven years as its chairman, writes Clive Everton.
The 63-year-old former world champion, on the board end of the month.

Wigan expect their other players on loan to union, Jason Robinson (Bath), Va'aiga Tui-manager, who said he would oppose Spencer's re-election at the agm on December 19.

within the game."

#### Results

league win over Bath.

close to call.

with Gary French chosen at

hooker because Graham

Dawe and Gareth Adams are

injured. Cardiff's half-backs Robert Howley and Jonathan Davies could both face South

In the other quarter-finals Brive are likely to make home advantage count against Llan-

elli, but the visit of the hold-

ers Toulouse to unpredictable Dax, who lost at Bath, is too

Tim Rodber, England's

No. 8 against Italy, has recov-

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A Siller (US) bt M Shaughnessy (US) 4-6,
6-2, 7-5.

## Basketball

SHEFIGURE SHEELD: Helbourner Victoria 270-6 (D Jones 121no, Ian Harvey 70) v South Australia. Sydoeys New South Wales 274-7 (S Waugh 108, M Taylor 53) v Queensland. Pertir Tasmania 122-1 (J Cox 65, D Hills 48no) v Western Australia: SINGER CHARSPIONS' TROPPY (Starlin), UAS; Phask New Zoaland 119 (M Grentharch 52; Wasim Akram 3-20, Shahid Africi 2-14, Mushtan Ahmed 2-31, Seqlain Mushtang 2-32; Pasistan 160 (Calms 2-24, Harris 2-32, Pasistan 3-30). Pakistan won by 41 nars.

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Famous Fives

David Lacey

between the hors d'ocuvres

was answered in chorus. The Famous Five? Why

Smith, Johnstone, Reilly, Turnbull and Ormand, the Hi-bernian forward line of the im-

mediate post-war years, not to be confused with the Magnificent Five (Los Cinco Magnificos)\* who distinguished Real Zaragoza in the Sixties.

was once measured in quin-tets. Before the first world was and after there were several outstanding examples. Celtic had Bennett, McMenemy, Quinn, Somers and Hamilton;

the Rangers attack read Archi-bald, Cunningham, Hender-

son, Cairns and Morton, and more than once Bell, Miller, Jennings, James and Archi-

bald had them dancing in the

streets of Raith. Then there was the greatest Scottish forward line of all:

Jackson, Dunn, Gallacher, James and Morton, the Wem-bley Wizards of 1928 whose 5-1 rout of England at Wembley prompted this damning judg-ment from the Glasgow Her-

ald: "The success of the Scots

was primarily another demon stration that Scottish skill.

science and trickery will still prevail against the less attrac-tive and simpler methods of

With this in mind, watching

the Old Firm match on Sky the

night before last proved a sobering experience. All the old passions thundered from

the stands at Celtic Park and

Andy Gray, a commentator who would bring to a game of hopecotch images of the Scots' Greys at Waterloo.

But in football terms the oc-

casion was about as Scottish

were dutifully echoed by

the English style in which

factor "

HO were the Fam-ous Five? The ques-tion was posed in Tbilisi last week,



England A's green and pleasant southland

week today. Today, Giggs or no Giggs, Arsenal will hope to exploit

the absence of the suspended

Roy Keane from Manchester

United's midfield. Arsenal

have lost on their last three

league visits to Old Trafford

five seasons. But, unless the

form of Eric Cantona has rad-

ically improved during the in-

On a rare day when all the top clubs are in action Newcastle can stamp their mark on the Premiership. David Lacey reports

## Mission possible for Keegan hit squad

castle United, however, the

they should at least have maintained their two-point lead at the top. They may even have extended their present eight point advantage over the flagging champions Manchester United, who regained the title last time over Kevin Keegan's recumbent ambitions.

This is one of those rare and kicking off at three o'clock. For once Sky's cameras are devoting their attention to the lower orders.

So while Newcastle, at home to a weakened West Ham, are seeking their ninth James' Park will be straining for news from other fronts. From Selhurst Park, for ex-

Road, where Liverpool face Ian Rush for the first time astle United, however, the unitook remains cosy.

By the end of the afternoon bey should at least have latest Italian import, Gian-how should be franco Zola, will test the truth

of Blackburn's revival. No tidings, however, will be castle than those from Old Trafford, where Manchester United are already in dange of becoming caught on the European ambitions. Today Saturdays which finds all of they meet second placed the title contenders in action | Arsenal. On Wednesday they are at home to Juventus in the Champions League.

Victory now and nothing worse than a draw in four days' time would halt United's slide in the Premiership and, despite their recent his bahce, keep alive their hopes of becoming the first English club to reach the quarter-fin-

ARK BOSNICH's Hitler salute cost him £1,000

coulkeeper threw his weight

ballers' Association's anti-

off lightly, writes Don Beet. The Australian, out injured

racism scheme after being let

for much of this season, was found guilty of misconduct by

a Football Association disci-

plinary commission but escaped a ban for the gesture

the Premiership, wing begins today following formight's break for the ternationals. For New-United, however, the United, however, the Liverpool face to the control their own destiny.

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#### No tidings will be more eagerly awaited than from Old Trafford

ton, marking the manager's 10 years in charge with a wake. Ryan Giggs, who be-cause of a calf injury has not started a match since the end of September, is set to return but the kind of restorative United need is more in mind than body.

It is very much a matter of regaining collective confidence, a commodity Arsenal possess in abundance after five league wins and two recovery from a groin opera-

supporters — many of whom are Jewish — during his side's match at White Hart

erely censured, warned as to

his future conduct and or-

dered to pay the costs of the hearing at Lancaster Gate,

said afterwards: "I abhor rac-ism. The best thing to come

out of this is that maybe it has raised awareness of it. The

PFA have got an anti-racism

which angered Tottenham campaign underway and I said: "Bosnich told the com- Prosecution Service.

Lane on October 12. Bosnich, who was also see the end of the month they will have a better idea of how gennine their championship pretensions really are. November has already seen them have the better of a roughand-tumble 2-2 draw at Wimbledon, a week tomorrow Arsene Wenger will experience his first north London derby when Tottenham visit Highbury, and the following Satur-

day Arsenal are at Newcastle.

would like to put my full sup-port behind that."

Bosnich, who hopes to en-

joy banter with supporters de-spite the outcome of the inci-

dent that prompted some Spura fans to complain to the police, added: "Sometimes

when you do things wrong the

best thing is to come out openly and say 'sorry'. I'm 24.

I made a mistake and that's

the way it goes."
Steve Double, for the FA.

The speed of Alan Shearer's

terim, the chances of the trend being reversed must be Coventry's record away to Wimbledon is good - three wins in the last four visits — but, with Leonhardsen, Jones and Earle back in Joe Kinnear's side, it is hard to see the struggling team Gordon Strachan has taken over from

> the sequence. It is equally difficult to en-visage Liverpool losing to

mission that his gesture was intended as a Basil Fawlty-

style joke. He was unaware of

Tottenham's Jewish following

Villa's manager Brian Lit-

Now Bosnich must wait to

find out if the police will take

action against him. A report has been sent to the Crown

tle, who accompanied the

reaction to the incident."

was a fair bearing."

Ron Atkinson maintaining

to the first five correct entries drawn. Entries to Guardian Crossword No 20,812, P.O. Box 315, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2AX, by first post on Friday Solution and Bosnich backs anti-racism campaign after £1,000 fine winners in the Guardian on Monday November 25.

ans's side the following after-noon. Yet one thought will bug Liverpool today: Rush

has yet to score in a Leeds

Blackburn looked anything

but a doomed team in beating

Liverpool and it may take

more than Vialli and Zola to

end Chelsea's run of four

successive defeats at Ewood.
A second victory for Tony

Parkes, told to carry on care

taking yesterday, would send Nottingham Forest to Hills-

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forgotten on foreign fields while Scots made up half the numbers, the principal play-ers, the legaters of Kenny Daiglish and Jim Baxter, were foreign almost to a man. Even Richard Gough, a granite pillar in the Rangers defence, was born in Stockholm and

the few moments of skill. science and trickery that were evident in an indifferent match were provided by a Dane (Brian Laudrup), an Ital-

lan (Paolo Di Canio) and, in one brief instance, an English-

man (Paul Gascoigne). OREIGN imports can become caught up in the passions of Old Firm fervour. Ask Terry Butcher, But Joachim Bjorklund has probably never heard of the Famous Five any more than Morten Wieghorst And the Hamburg humour of Jorg Albertz might be tested by the old knock-knock joke: "Knock knock in "Fritz" "Fritz who?" "Fritz a grand old team t'play

One of the Sky people remarked that the sort of de-fensive error by Celtic's Brian O'Neil which led to Laudrup scoring the game's only goal would usually be punished at the highest level. And in

Celtic-Rangers matches.
At times Laudrup, the Famous One who made up the Rangers forward line, moved around the opposition half like the sighted hero in the Day of the Triffids. By contrast Pierre Van Hooydonk, Celtic's Dutch striker, looked

like Van Basten in wellies. The result may well have enhanced Rangers' prospects of winning a ninth successive Scottish championship, equalling Celtic's feat of the Sixties and Seventies. But without success in the European Cup. where Rangers' shortcomings continue to be exposed, the achievement would be compa rable only statistically. The come a rack for lbrox's wider ambitions. The quick brown fox who sped among them on Thursday night could have

been playing for Grasshopper It was a shame to see the Celtic manager banished to the stands. There have been could be have said to the refer-Canario, Santos, Marcelino,

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